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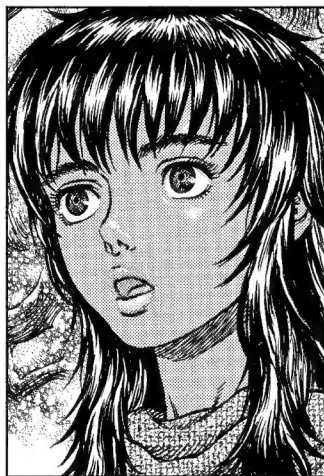


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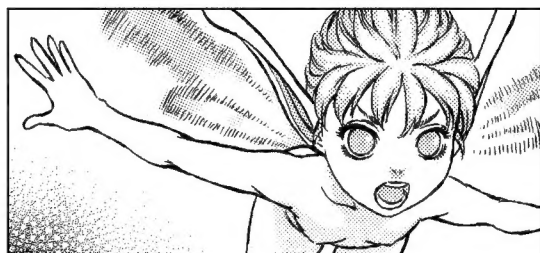
ガッツ *Guts*

The main character of the story, the Black Swordsman. He exists in the interstice, wears the Berserker armor, and his soul is constantly torn between protecting Casca and challenging Griffith. That struggle is nothing short of sublime.



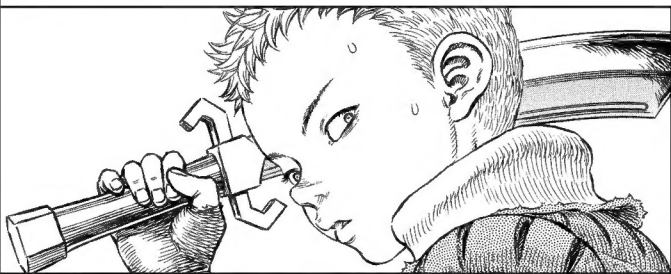
キャスカ *Casca*

Former unit commander of the Band of the Hawk; mentally regressed from her experience in the eclipse. She now neither speaks nor conveys any feelings. Her brand, which reacts to evil, is narrowly shielded by Flora's talisman.



パック *Puck*

An elf who's long been with Guts on his journeys. His dust has the power to heal wounds. He confirmed that he's a wind spirit, and he also changes into Chestnut Puck.



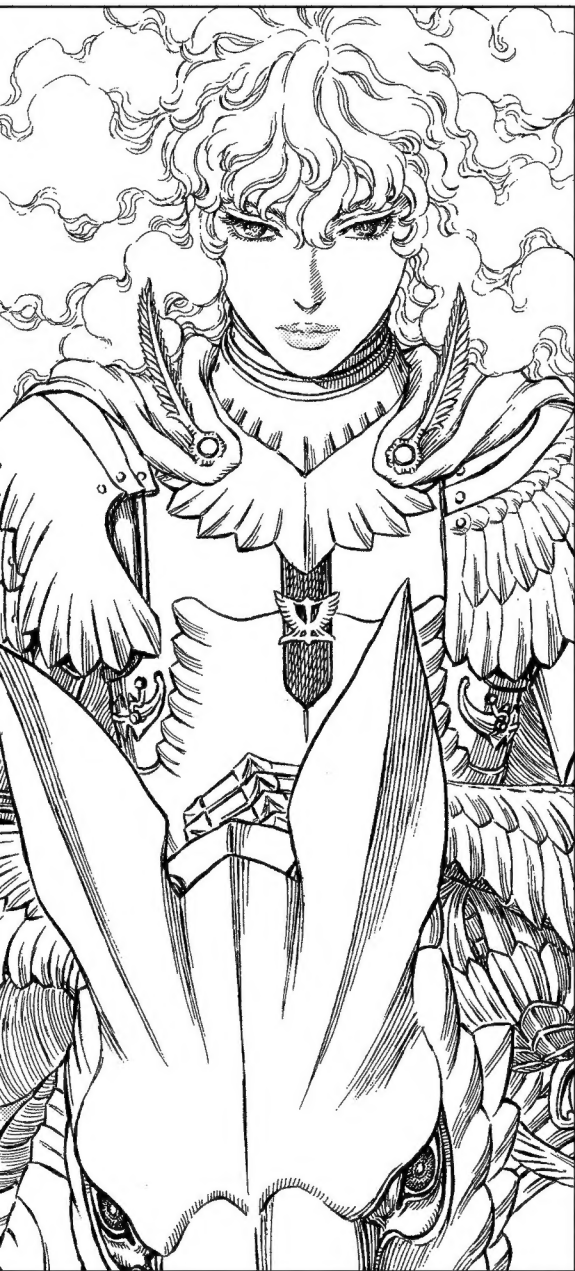
インドロ *Isidro*

Dreams of being the "ultimate swordsman," but his actual talent, not up to snuff, repeatedly endangers him. Nevertheless, the boy endeavors toward his dream. He is currently equipped with a fetish granted the protection of fire elementals.



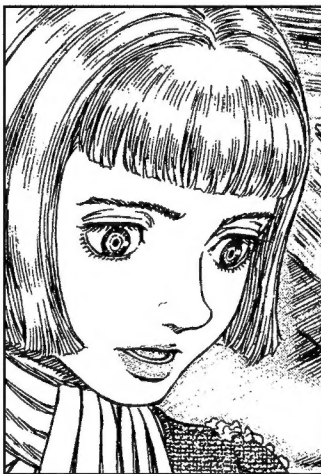
シールケ *Schierke*

Disciple of Flora, witch of the spirit tree mansion. She supports Guts and the others through her use of magic; however, among her spells are some beyond her mastery, which occasionally place her in great peril as she tries to aid her allies. She has a stilted side to her personality.



グリフィス *Griffith*

Through the eclipse of the Crimson Behelit, he was reborn as Femto of the Godhand. Later he was incarnated in the imitation eclipse catalyzed by the egg-shaped apostle, thus returning to the physical world, in which he became the "absolute," without equal. He leads the reborn Band of the Hawk.



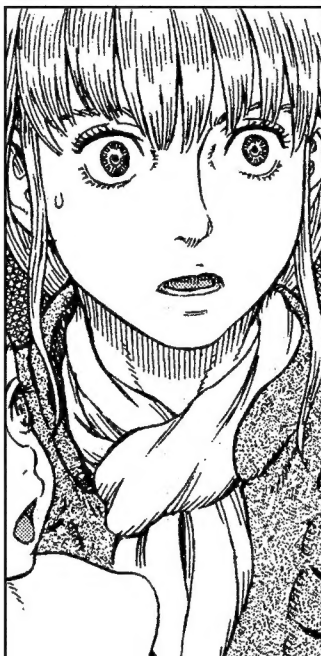
ファルネーゼ *Farnese*

Former commander of the Holy See's Holy Iron Chain Knights, and daughter of the Vandimion family, one of influential status and wealth in the religious sphere. She seeks to learn from Guts her own means of survival, and about the reality of the world.



セルピコ *Serpico*

Attendant of Farnese, and actually her brother. However, Farnese is not aware of the blood relationship. He is skilled in fighting, and currently clad in a fetish granted the protection of wind elementals.



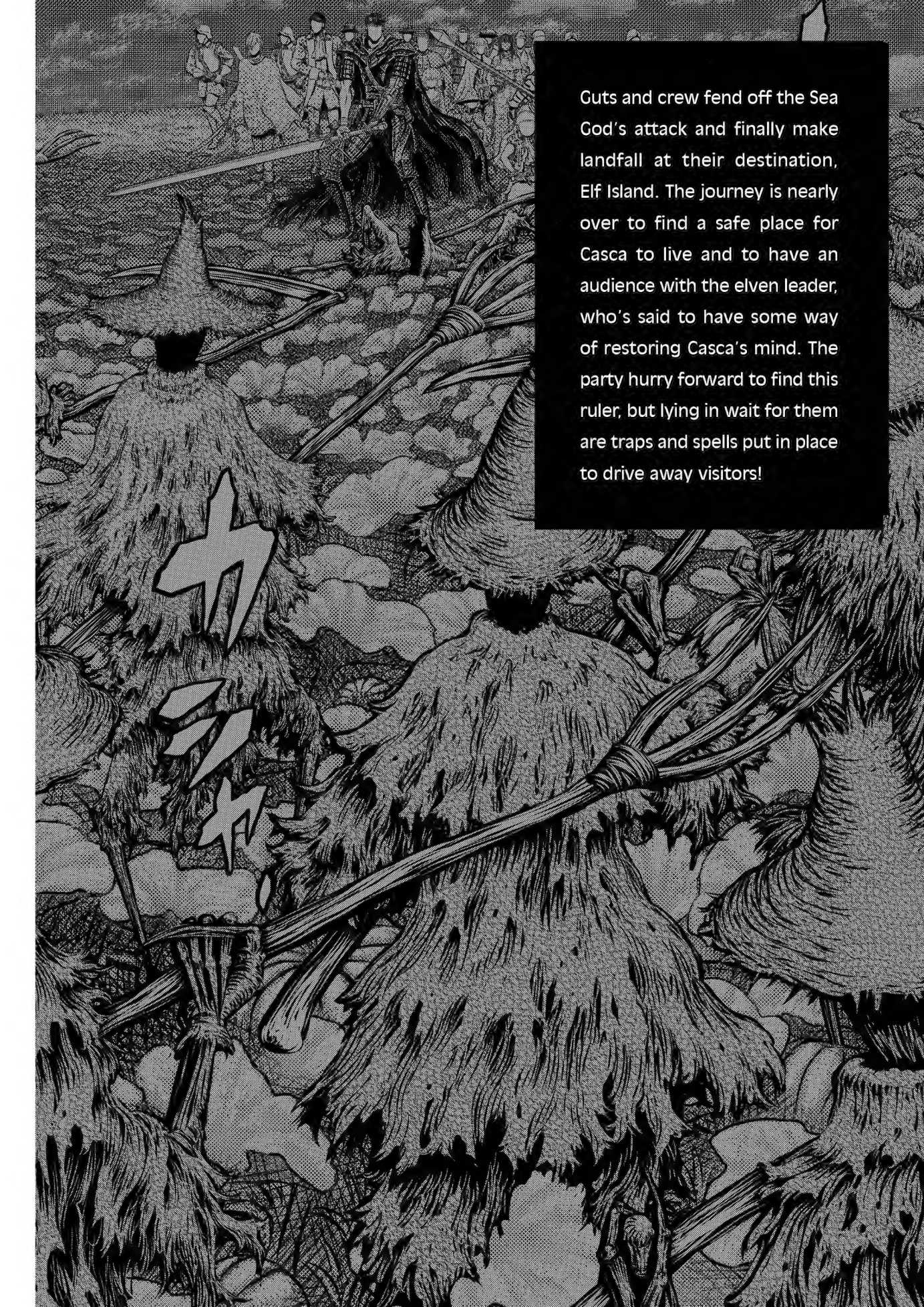
リッケルト *Rickert*

A former member of the Band of the Hawk. As he was not involved in the eclipse, he does not have a brand. He became the apprentice of the blacksmith Godo and has made weapons for Guts to use.

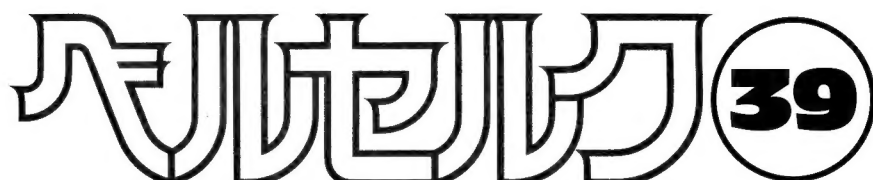
ロデリック *Roderick*



Captain of the naval vessel Seahorse and third in line to the royal throne of Ith, a maritime power within the domain of the Holy See. He took Guts and the others to Skellig Island, where Elfhelm is located.



Guts and crew fend off the Sea God's attack and finally make landfall at their destination, Elf Island. The journey is nearly over to find a safe place for Casca to live and to have an audience with the elven leader, who's said to have some way of restoring Casca's mind. The party hurry forward to find this ruler, but lying in wait for them are traps and spells put in place to drive away visitors!



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幻造世界ファンタジア／妖精島の章

炎の人形

FLAME PUPPET



WHOM

DAH!

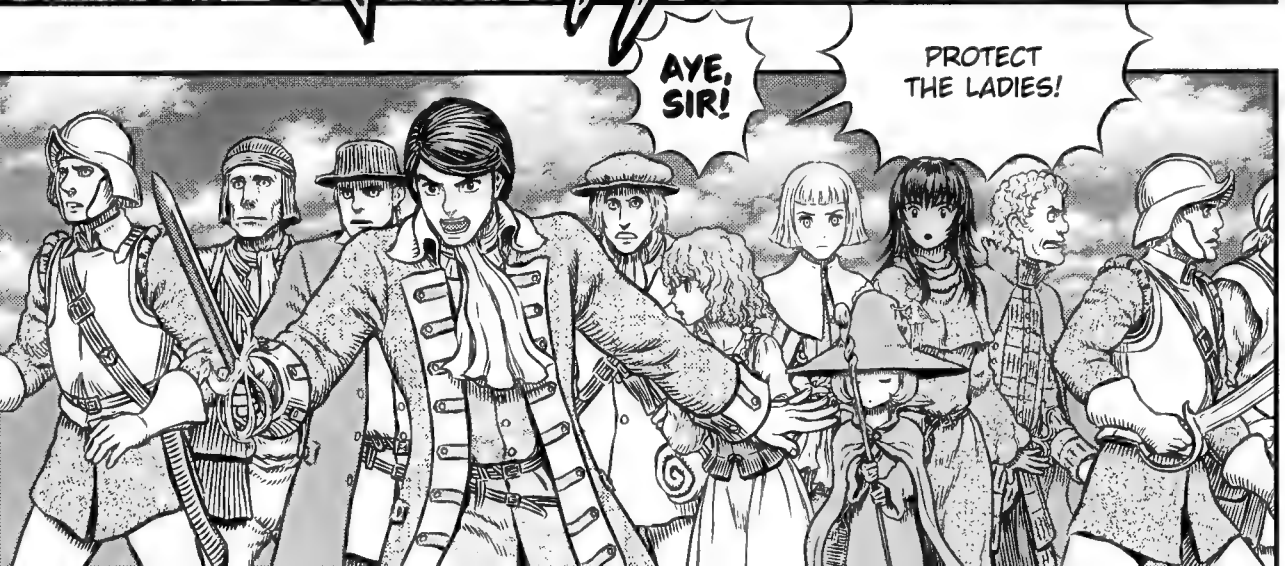
THE
LONGER
THE
WEAPON,
THE
LONGER
THE
REACH!

...THAT
MEANS...

BUT
YOU
KNOW...

...I
WIN!







WHOM

SS!



**NO WAY!
PEOPLE
FROM OUTSIDE
THE ISLAND
ARE JUST
SAVAGES!**

**HEY, I
MAYBE
SENSED
SOME
MAGIC
FROM
THEM...**

WHAT'S WITH
THE GUY IN
BLACK...
AND THAT
**BIG
SWORD?**

THEY'RE
NOT
STOPPING
AT
ALL.



THEY'RE
NOT
STOPPING
AT
ALL.

IT'S N-NO USE!
THEY'RE
TOO
STRONG!

THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT...

...HOLDS SOME MORE SLUR-PRIZES...

...THAT FIELD...

...THAT
FIELD...

OH YEAH, *THAT'S*
HOW THAT TRAP
WORKS.



STUPID!
NOW I'M IN BIG
TROUBLE!

A VINE'S TWISTIN' AROUND MY LEG...!

SHLLF!!

ZIL

SHLLF
フル
ル





THIS TRULY
DOES SEEM
LIKE A
MAGICAL
ISLAND.

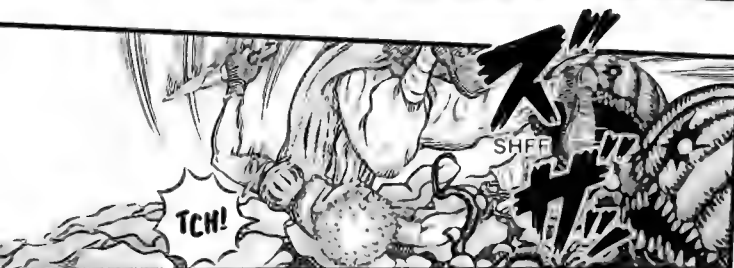
IT'S A
LITTLE EARLY
FOR A HARVEST
FESTIVAL.

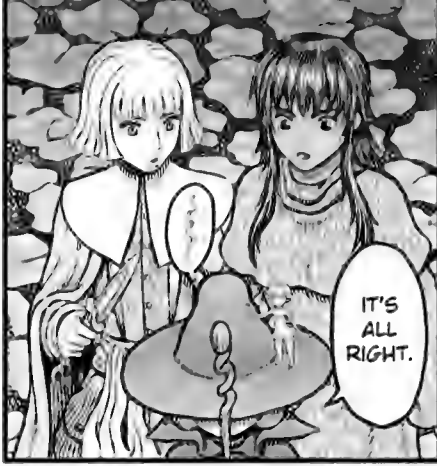
MAN,
THIS IS
GETTIN'
OLD!



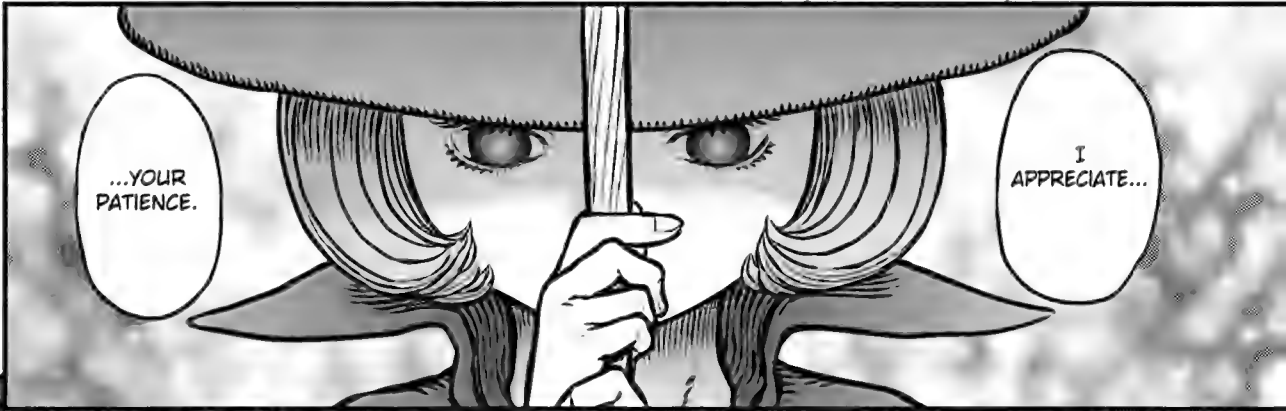
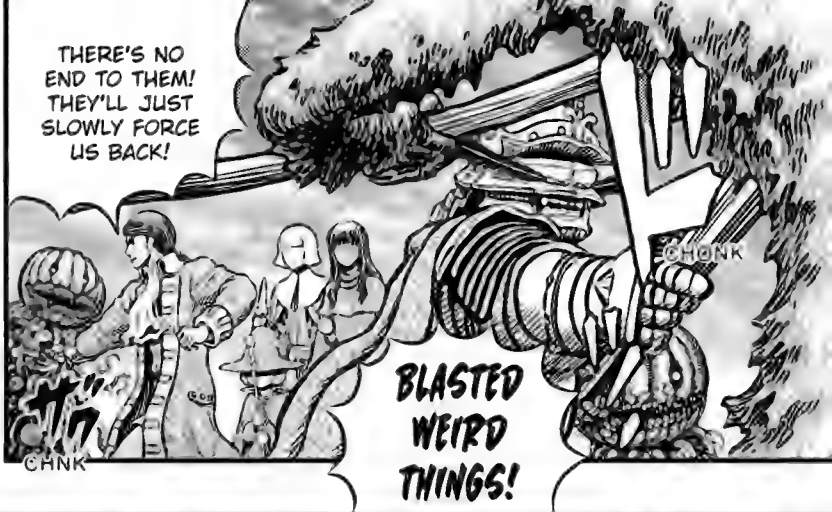
GRAHH

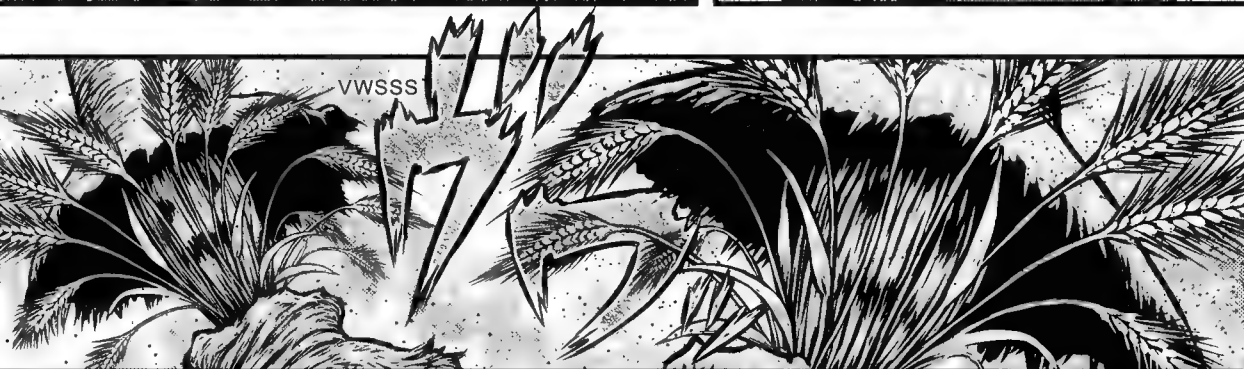
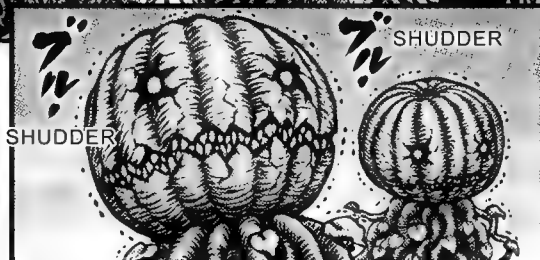
CHNK

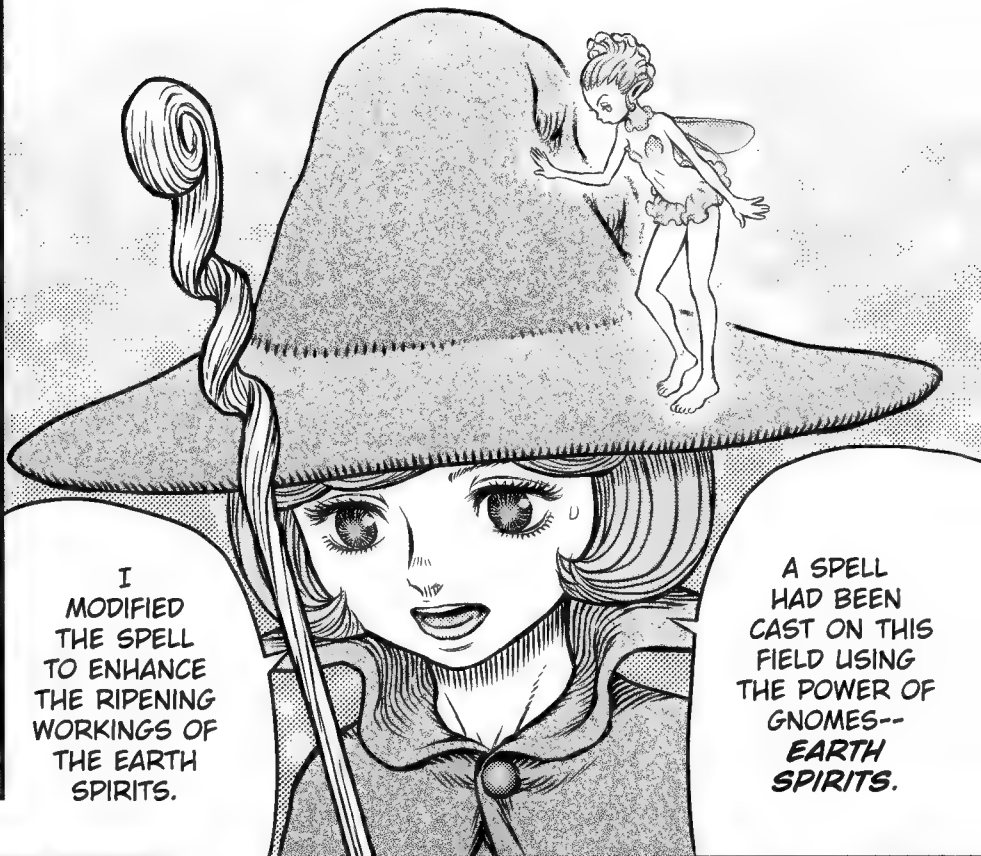
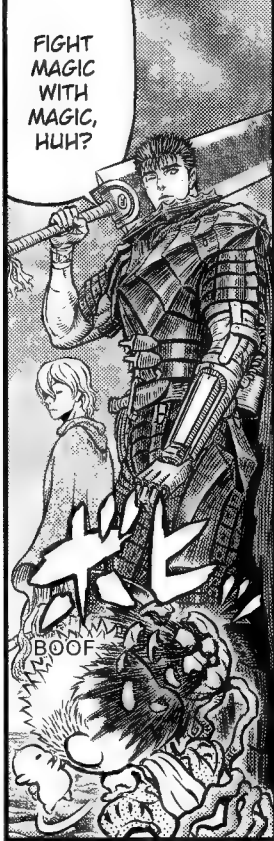




THERE'S NO
END TO THEM!
THEY'LL JUST
SLOWLY FORCE
US BACK!







I
MODIFIED
THE SPELL
TO ENHANCE
THE RIPENING
WORKINGS OF
THE EARTH
SPIRITS.

A SPELL
HAD BEEN
CAST ON THIS
FIELD USING
THE POWER OF
GNOMES--
**EARTH
SPIRITS.**

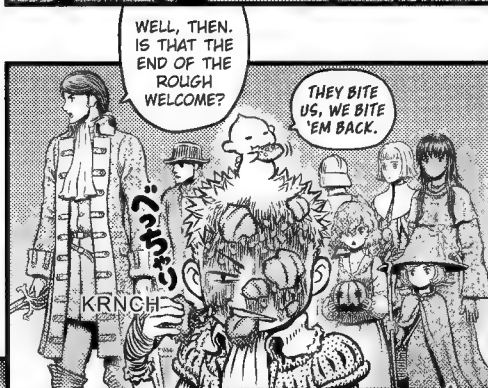


COULD
IT BE
...!?

AND ALSO,
THAT WAS
MAGIC!

WH-WHAT
DO WE
DO!?

THEY
TOOK
DOWN THE
SCARE-
CROWS
...!

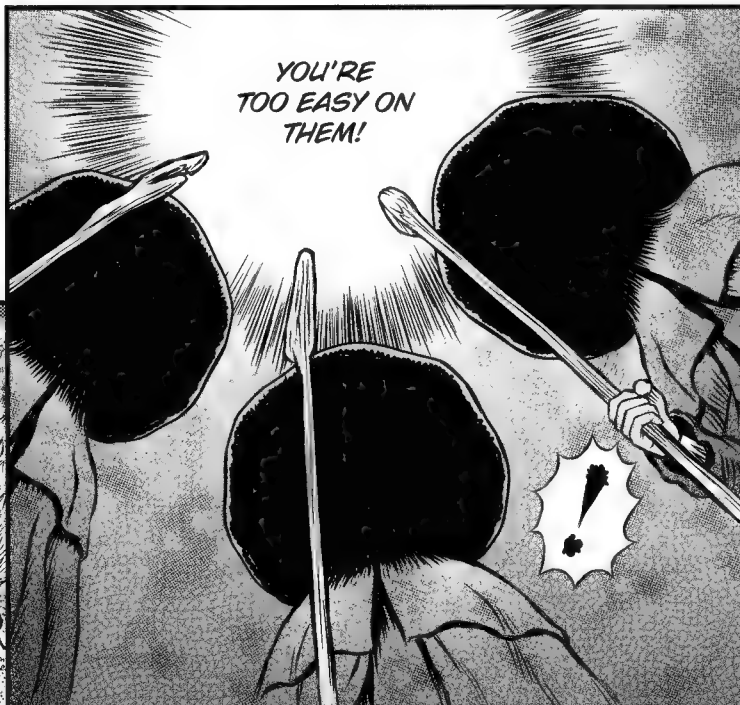


WELL, THEN,
IS THAT THE
END OF THE
ROUGH
WELCOME?

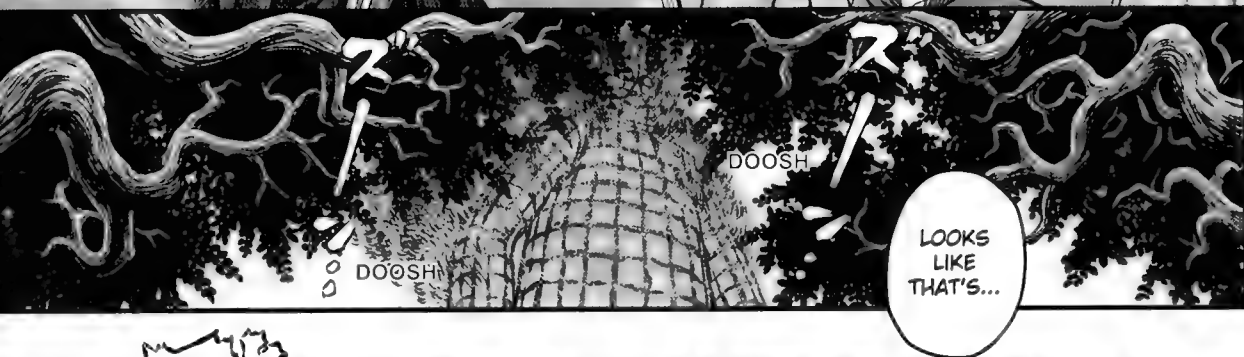
THEY BITE
US, WE BITE
'EM BACK.

CRINGE?
KRNGH'S

?
WHAT'S
THAT?



YOU'RE
TOO EASY
ON
THEM!





THAT'S
A...
WICKER
MAN!

A
SCARE-
CROW
BOSS
?!



I'VE
READ ABOUT
THEM IN
BOOKS.

WICKER
MAN?



AUGH!!!

ACCOUNTS
OF A FETISH
THAT USES
THE LIFE
FORCE OF
SACRIFICES...

...LOCKED
WITHIN
A GIANT
FIGURE AND
SET ABLAZE
USING
ANCIENT
MAGIC.



BROARRRR



MORDA
...!

YOU
BROUGHT
OUT
SOMETHING
LIKE
THAT?!

IT'S
TABOO
...!



DOOOOSH

I SWEAR,
YOU GUYS
ARE TOO
SOFT.



ITS
POTENTIAL
IS WASTED
AS A MERE
DECORATION.

HA!

SO WHAT
IF IT'S TABOO?
IT EXISTS
FOR TIMES
LIKE THIS.

WHAT
GOOD IS
A PUPPET
IF YOU
DON'T
PLAY
WITH
IT?

NOW
GO!

アアアアア
AUGHHHH

ドオオ
ドオオ
DOOOOSH
DOOOOSH
MOGHHHH

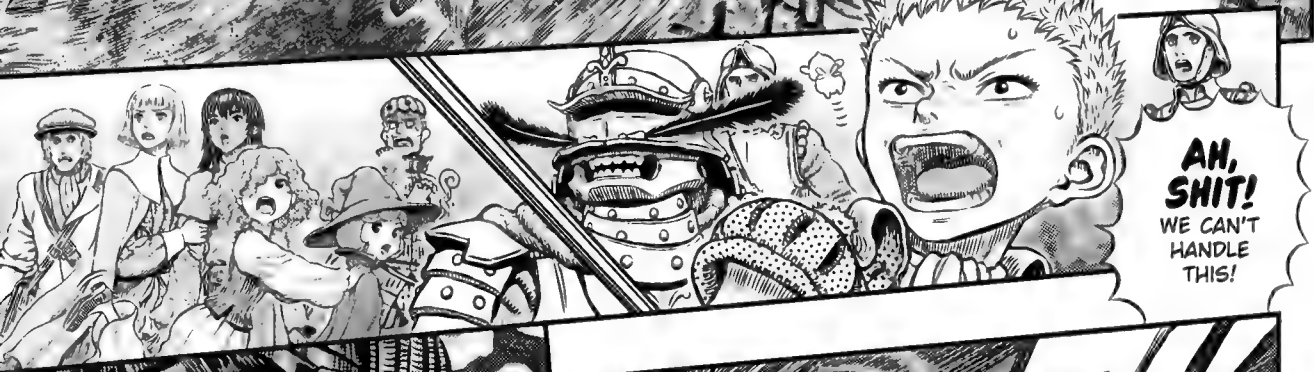
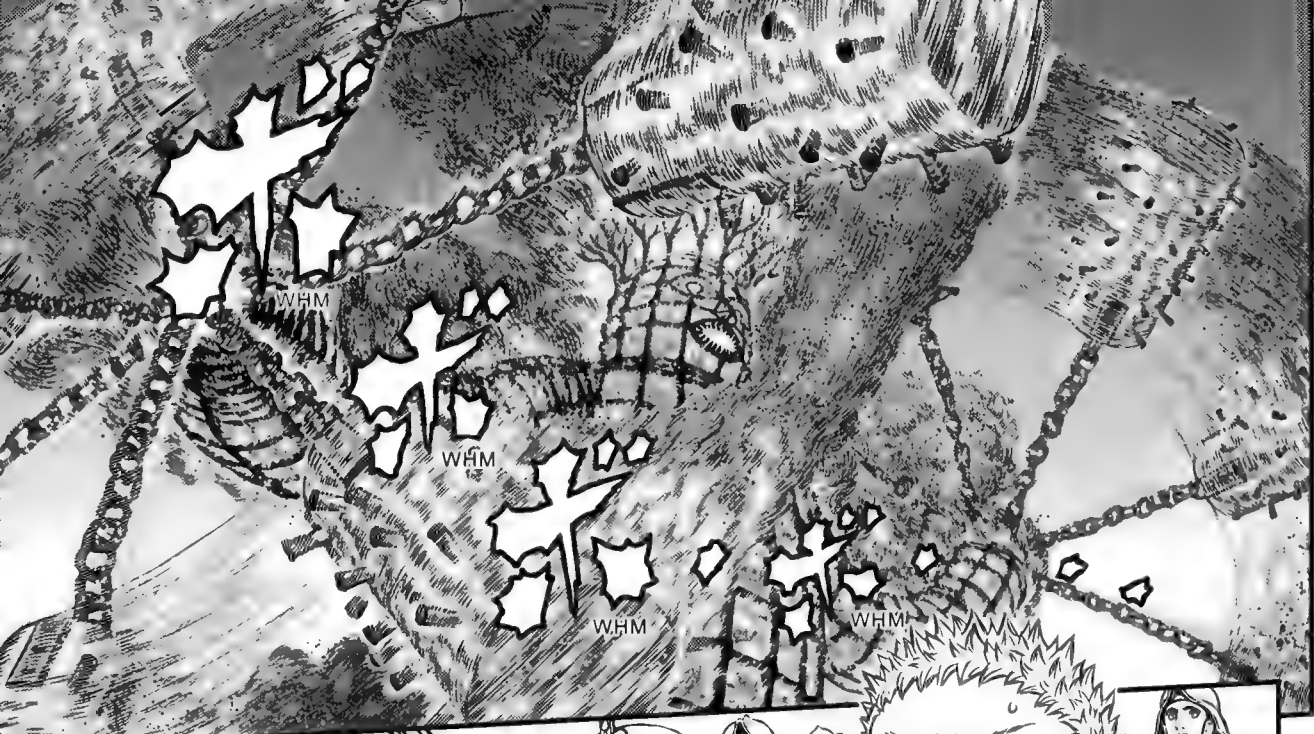


YOU'RE
GOING TO
BURN UP
THE FIELD,
TOO!

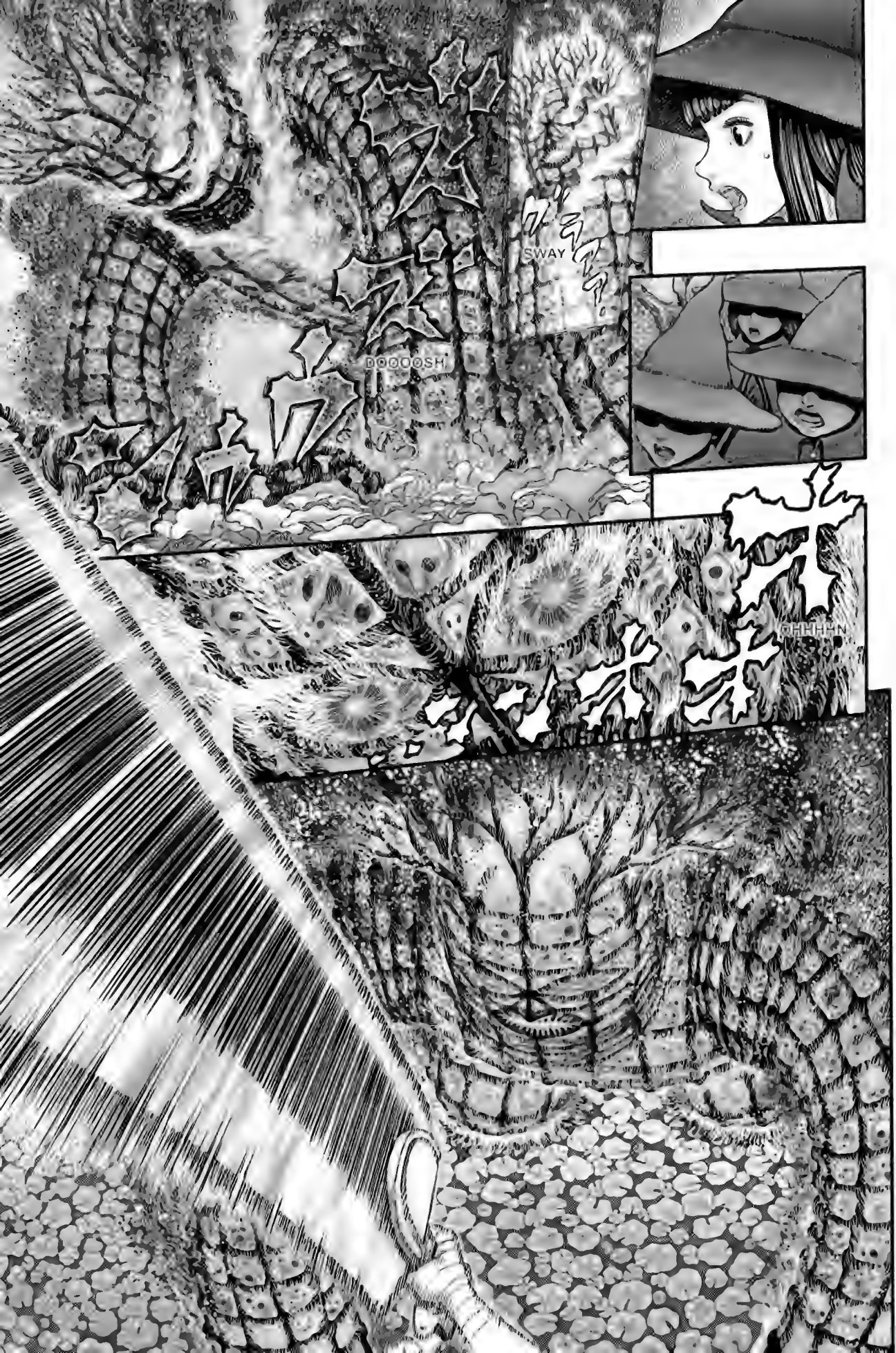
STOP THIS
FOOLISH-
NESS,
MORDA!

**AHA-
HA...!**
GET
'EM!











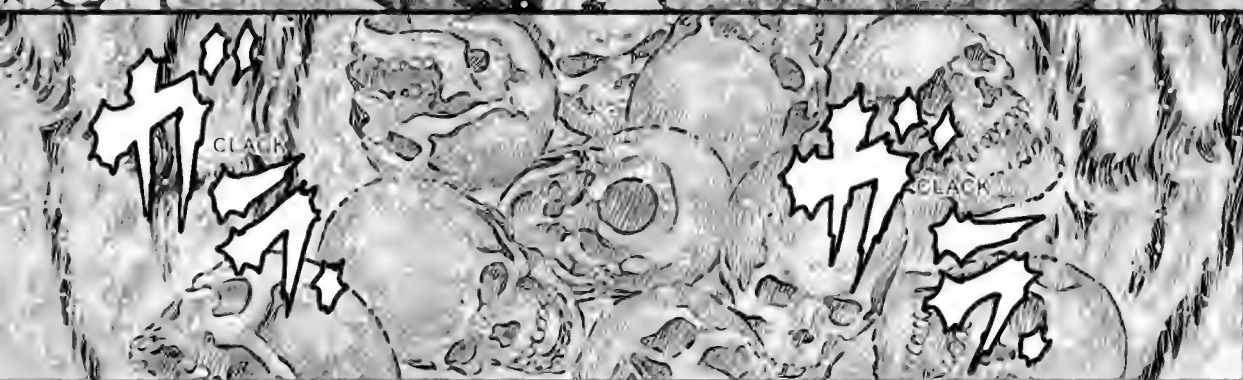
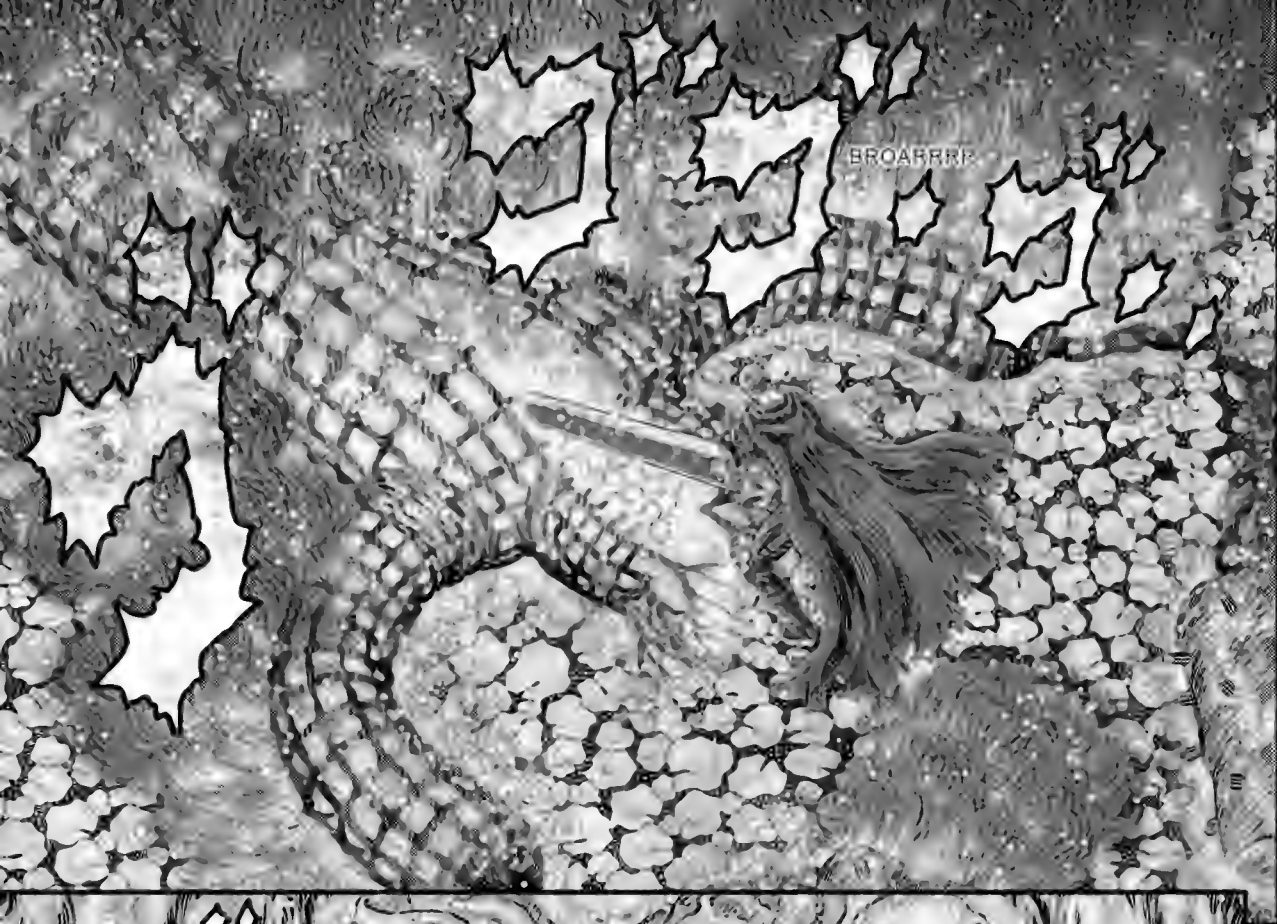


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幻想世界ファンタジー／妖精島の章

魔女の村

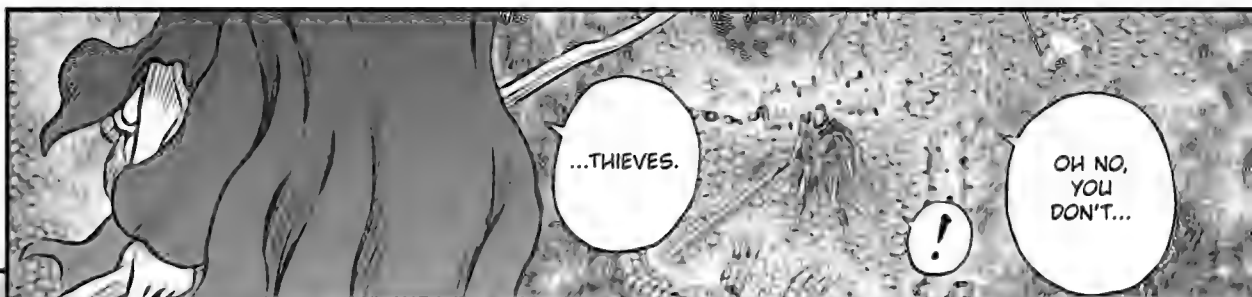
VILLAGE OF
WITCHES





LET'S
RUN
FOR
IT!

BUT THIS
MIGHT BE A BIT
OF A PROBLEM...
AT THIS RATE THE
FIRE WILL SPREAD TO
THE ENTIRE FIELD.

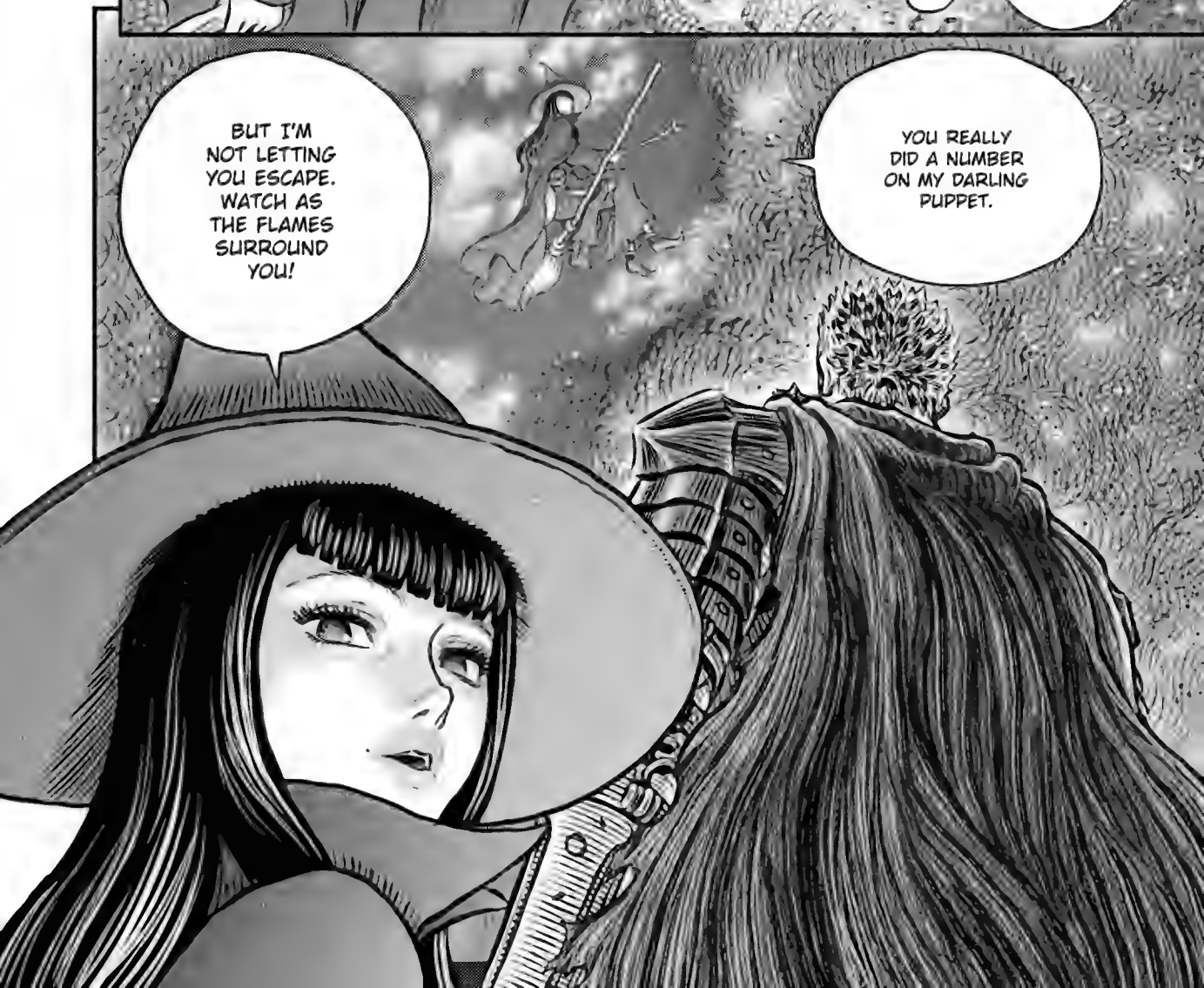


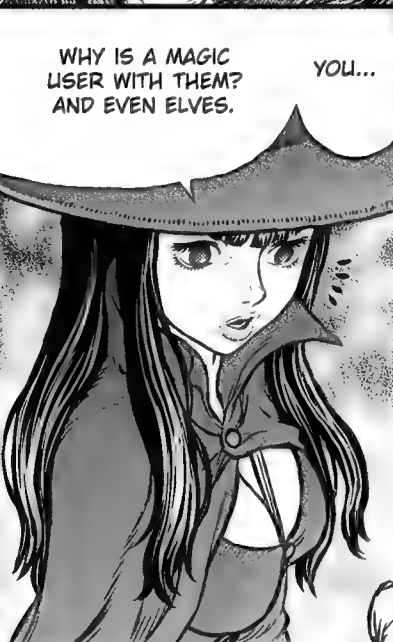
...THIEVES.

OH NO,
YOU
DON'T...

YOU REALLY
DID A NUMBER
ON MY DARLING
PUPPET.

BUT I'M
NOT LETTING
YOU ESCAPE.
WATCH AS
THE FLAMES
SURROUND
YOU!





WHY IS A MAGIC
USER WITH THEM?
AND EVEN ELVES.

YOU...



PLEASE,
WAIT!

WE
ARE NOT
ENEMIES!



NOW THAT'S
THE REAL
DEAL, NOT
LIKE SOME
KID I KNOW.

WOW,
CHECK IT
OUT! SHE'S
TOTALLY
FLYIN' ON
A BROOM!

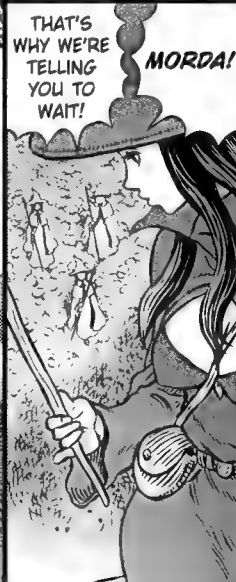
I'LL
BEAT
YA
UP!



IT'S
TRUE.

GOOD
GRIEF!

YOU
NEVER
LISTEN
TO
OTHERS.



THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
TELLING
YOU TO
WAIT!

MORDA!



WE'RE
SKELLIG
ISLAND
MAGES. BUT
CONVERSATION
CAN WAIT.

UM...
ARE YOU
THIS
ISLAND'S--



...OUR ONLY
OPTION MIGHT
BE TO SUMMON
A GURU...

BUT
WITH THE
FLAMES
THIS
STRONG...

GURU?

WANT
SOME?
IT'S WELL-
ROASTED.

THANKS...

HUH?
OH HEY,
THERE'S
PUCK.



HMPH!

IF WE
DON'T HURRY
AND DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
FIRE, IT'LL
WIPE OUT
THE FIELD.

AHH...
I PUT
SO MUCH
WORK INTO
THESE
PUMPKINS...



SHAAAAA

!



AMAZING.

THAT'S SWIFT MANIPULATION OF THE WEATHER.

THIS IS MAGIC...

IT IS?

YES, IT USUALLY REQUIRES A DEGREE OF PLANNING AND RITUAL TO GREATLY INFLUENCE NATURE...

HERE HE COMES.

!



LOOKS
LIKE THINGS
ARE IN
HAND.

MHM.

GREAT
GURU.



HIYA,
OL' GED!

YOU'VE BEEN
LONG AWAY,
MISCHIEF-
MAKER.



...SHE MAY
BE DUE FOR
A LECTURE.

AS FOR
MORDA...



SIR.

KUKKA,
JONI, THEUNE...
THANK YOU FOR
STANDING GUARD.



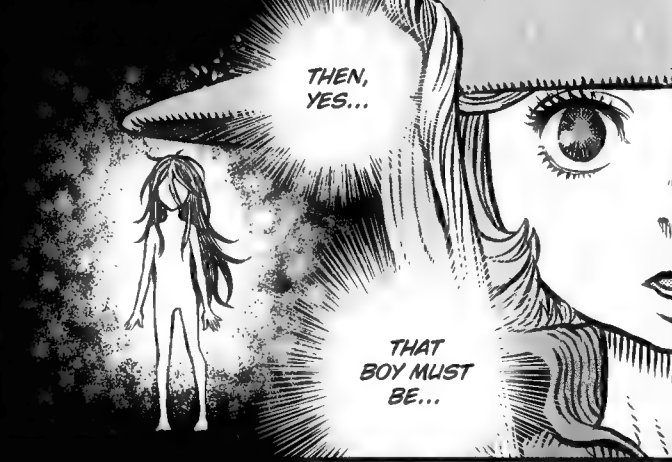
I APOLOGIZE.
THIS GOAT IS
QUITE OLD, LIKE
ME. WE DON'T
KEEP UP
WITH YOUNG
LEGS.

MY GUESTS,
YOU WERE PUT
THROUGH THE
WRINGER ON
ACCOUNT OF
MY DELAY.



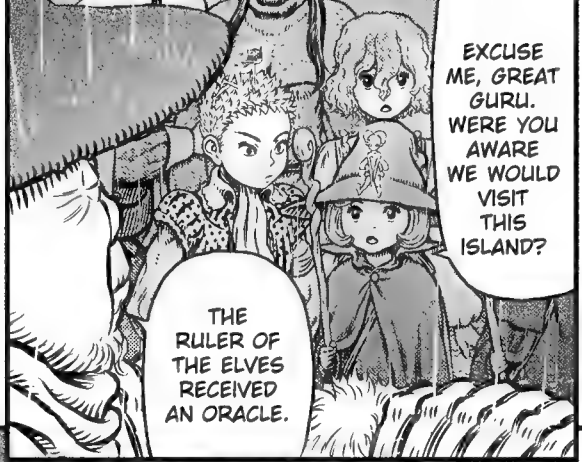
ONE WHO
GOVERNS
THE MAGES
OF THIS
ISLAND.

I AM
GEDFRING.



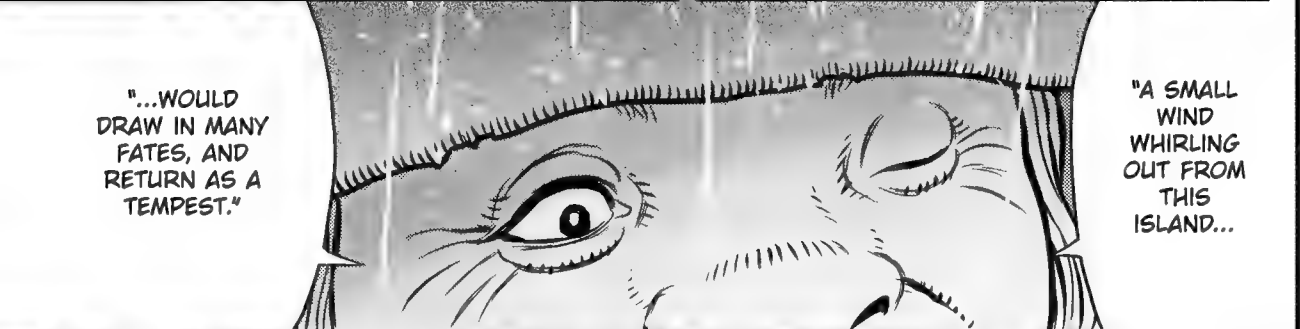
THEN,
YES...

THAT
BOY MUST
BE...



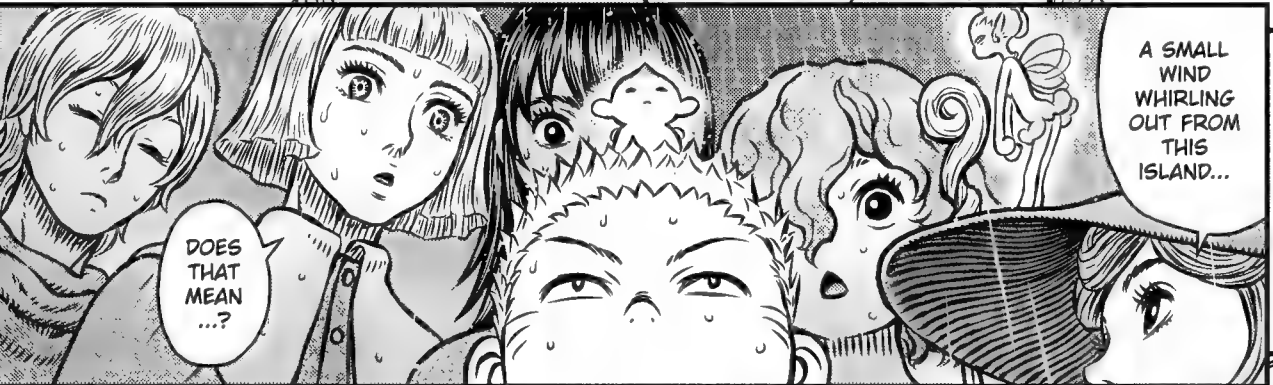
EXCUSE
ME, GREAT
GURU.
WERE YOU
AWARE
WE WOULD
VISIT
THIS
ISLAND?

THE
RULER OF
THE ELVES
RECEIVED
AN ORACLE.



"...WOULD
DRAW IN MANY
FATES, AND
RETURN AS A
TEMPEST."

"A SMALL
WIND
WHIRLING
OUT FROM
THIS
ISLAND..."



DOES
THAT
MEAN
...?

A SMALL
WIND
WHIRLING
OUT FROM
THIS
ISLAND...



ARE
YOU SAYIN'
THAT'S
ME...

WITHOUT
EVEN REALIZIN'
IT, HE PULLS
EVERYONE INTO
A CYCLONE
OF DESTINY...!

...PUCK
THE
STORM
?!!

IT
HAPPENED
BY
CHANCE,
THAT'S
ALL.

..."LOOK AFTER
MY DEAREST
LITTLE STUDENT
WHEN SHE
VISITS."

AN
OLD FRIEND
CAME TO
ME IN A
DREAM AND
SAID...

AND
ANOTHER
THING. I HAD
MY OWN
PREMONITION.

AND
SUDDENLY,
HE ACTS LIKE
HE'S THE
HERO.

HEY,
I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

I
DRAGGED
ALLA YA
INTO MY
STORY.

DO
YOU
MEAN...?



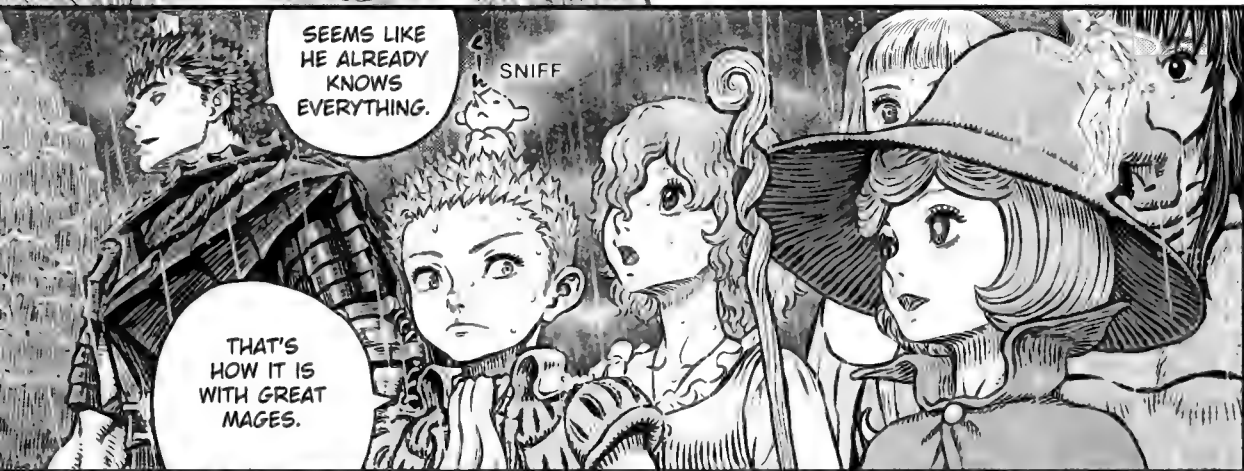


MEH
EH
EH

I'LL
SEE TO IT
YOU'RE
INTRODUCED
TO THE
ELVEN
RULER.

FRESHEN
UP FROM
YOUR
JOURNEY.

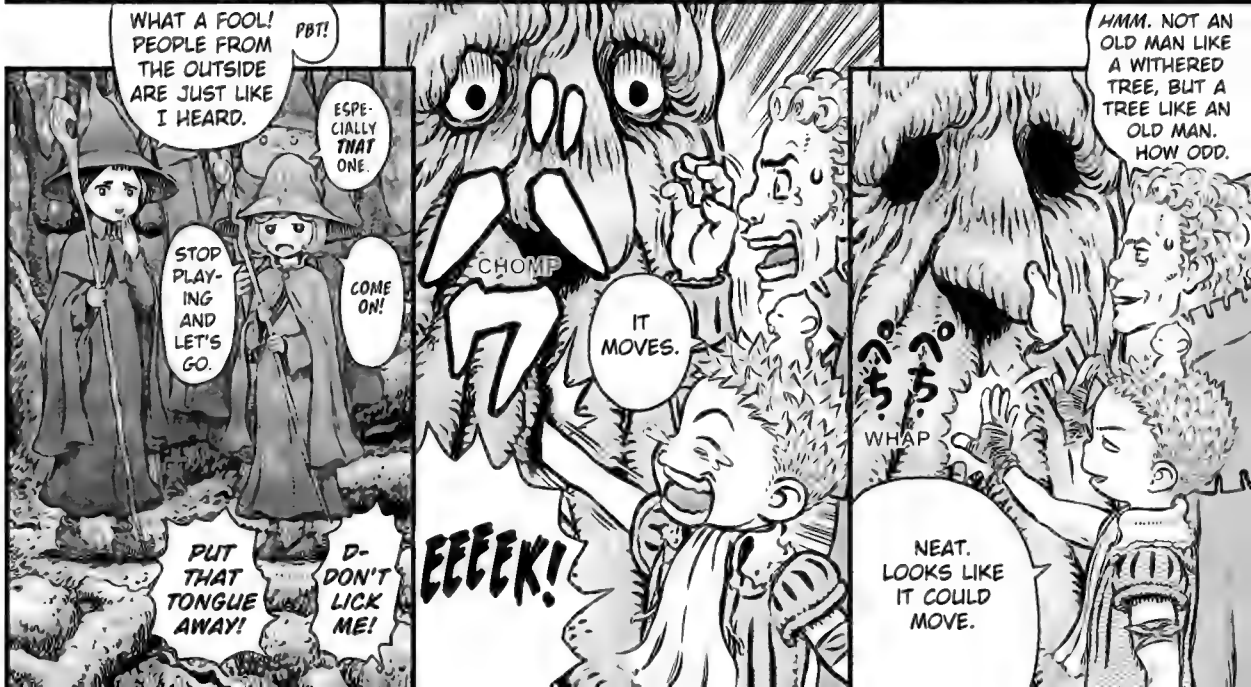
AT
ANY RATE,
COME TO
OUR
VILLAGE.



SEEMS LIKE
HE ALREADY
KNOWS
EVERYTHING.

SNIFF

THAT'S
HOW IT IS
WITH GREAT
MAGES.





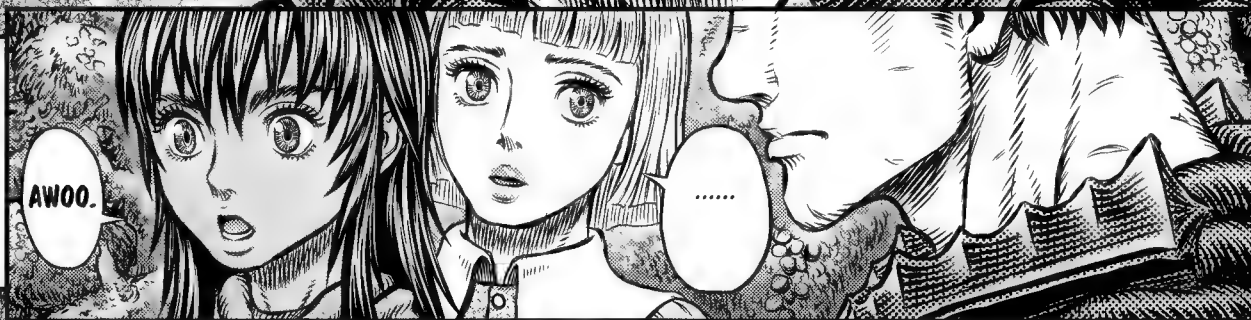


...CAN USE
THE CORRIDOR
OF DREAMS
TO GO DEEP
INSIDE THE MIND.
IT MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE.

REALLY
?!



I THINK
I'VE HEARD
THAT THE
FLOWER
STORM
MONARCH...



AWOO.

.....

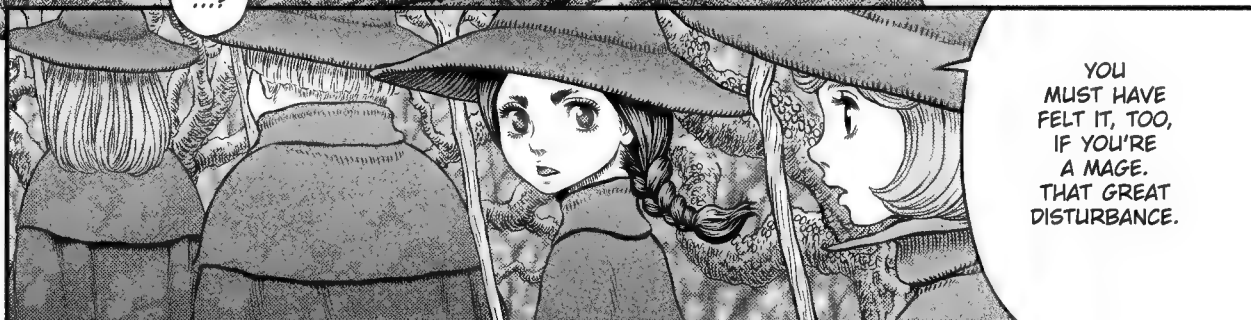


...YET
YOU CROSS
THE OCEAN ON
A GLIMMER
OF HOPE.

HUIH
...?

THE
WORLD'S
PRACTICALLY
UPSIDE
DOWN...

...YOU'RE
AN
INTREPID
BUNCH,
THOUGH.



YOU
MUST HAVE
FELT IT, TOO,
IF YOU'RE
A MAGE.
THAT GREAT
DISTURBANCE.



THAT'S
WHAT
WE CALL
IT.

THE
GREAT
ROAR
OF THE
ASTRAL
WORLD.



...BY ATTACKING
THE MANY SEALS
OF THE WORLD'S
FOREST OF
THE SPIRIT
TREE.

THE ONE
CALLED
THE HAWK
OF LIGHT
CAUSED
IT...



WE'LL
DISCUSS
THE
DETAILS
IN THE
VILLAGE.

WHAT'S
THAT ALL
ABOUT,
OLD MAN?!

FOREST
OF THE
SPIRIT
TREE
...?!

HAWK
OF
LIGHT
...!

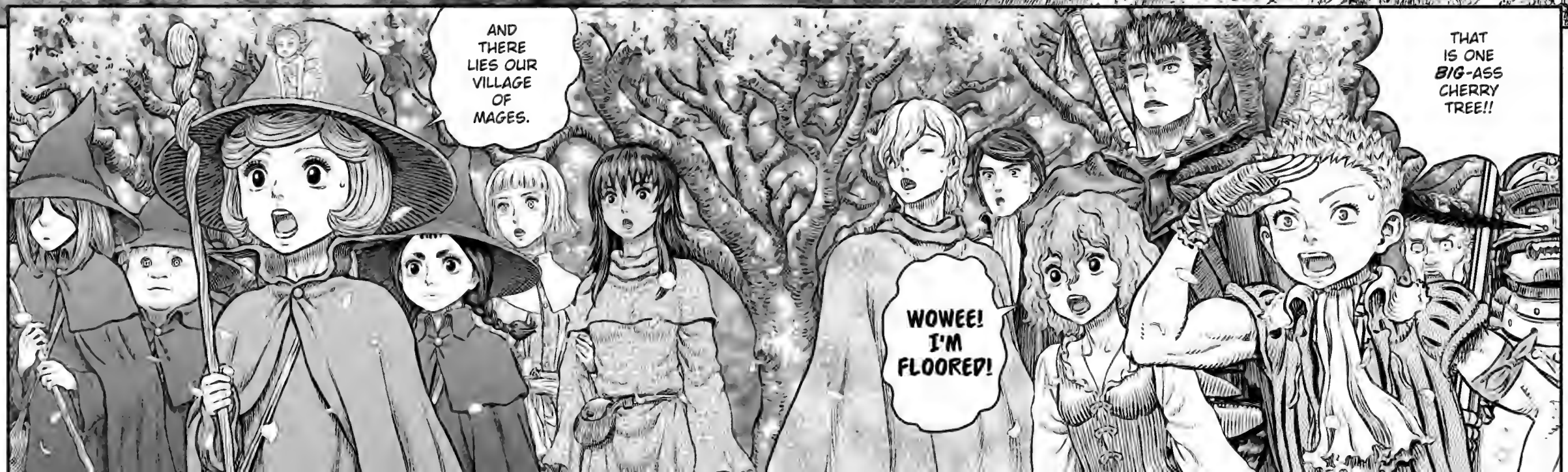
LOOK.

YOU
CAN
SEE IT
NOW.



IT'S A
STORM OF
BLOSSOMS,
JUST LIKE
THE TITLE
SUGGESTS...!

THERE LIES
FLOWER
STORM
MONARCH'S
ELFHelm.

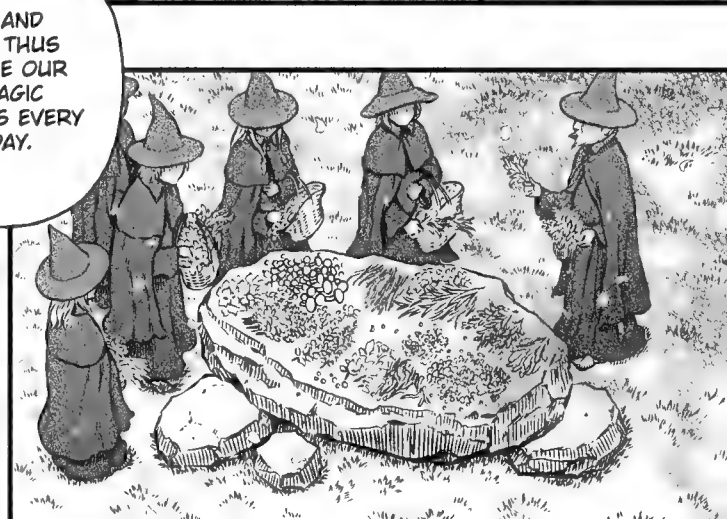


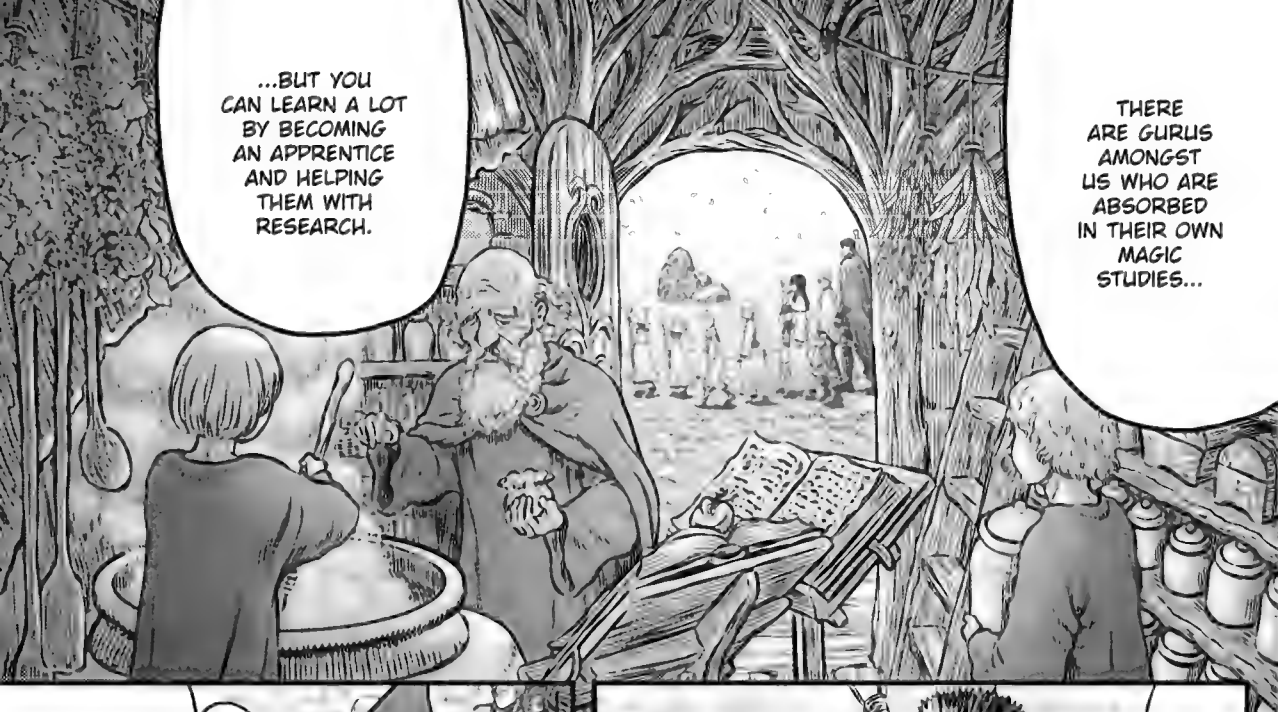
AND
THERE
LIES OUR
VILLAGE
OF
MAGES.

THAT
IS ONE
BIG-ASS
CHERRY
TREE!!

WOWEE!
I'M
FLOORED!







...BUT YOU
CAN LEARN A LOT
BY BECOMING
AN APPRENTICE
AND HELPING
THEM WITH
RESEARCH.

THERE
ARE GURUS
AMONGST
US WHO ARE
ABSORBED
IN THEIR OWN
MAGIC
STUDIES...

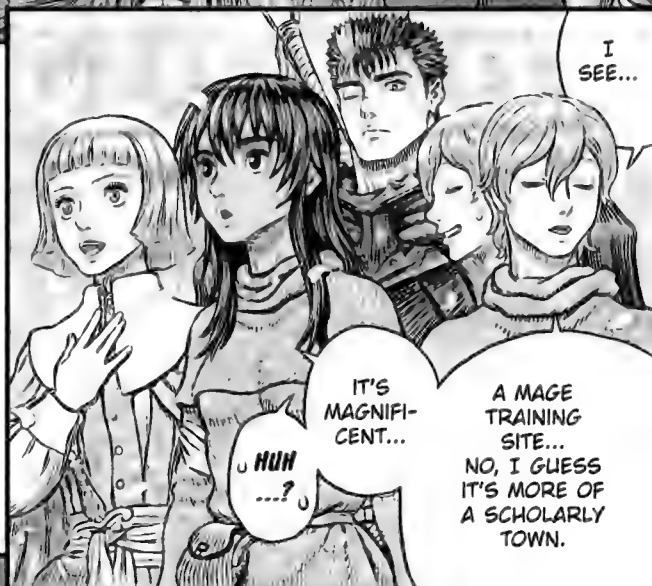


BORING
IS WHAT
IT IS.

HMPH.

MORDA,
COME
ON...

!



I
SEE...

IT'S
MAGNIFI-
CENT...

A MAGE
TRAINING
SITE...
NO, I GUESS
IT'S MORE OF
A SCHOLARLY
TOWN.

U HUH
....?



...IT'S
ALL JUST
A WASTE
OF
TALENT.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH WE
HONE OUR MAGIC
SKILLS, IF WE
STAY COOPED
UP ON AN ISLAND
LIKE THIS...



...OBSERVE
THE
UNIVERSE!

A
MAGE'S
DUTY IS
TO...

WHAT
ARE
YOU
SAYING!?



I WISH
YOU'D CUT
IT OUT!

YOU'RE
TOO HARDHEADED,
KUKKA. I THINK
YOU COULD STAND
TO BROADEN YOUR
HORIZONS A LITTLE.



...FOR
EVERY-
BODY
ON THIS
ISLAND.

BUT,
THAT'S
TRUE...

FLIP?



HEY,
HEY!

NEVER
MIND ALL
THAT! TELL
ME ABOUT
THE OUTSIDE
WORLD!



UGH,
SCARY.
WHY'RE
THEY
HERE?

BAR-
BAR-
IANS?!

ARE
THEY
FROM THE
OUTSIDE
...?

WHAT'S
WITH
THOSE
CLOTHES?

THAT
GROUP...



BUT WHEN
PEOPLE
ARE THAT
BLATANTLY
AFRAID OF ME...



RAHHHH!

HEY THERE,
INNOCENT
GIRLS! I'M A
DANGEROUS
BARBARIAN!

JETTI-
SON.

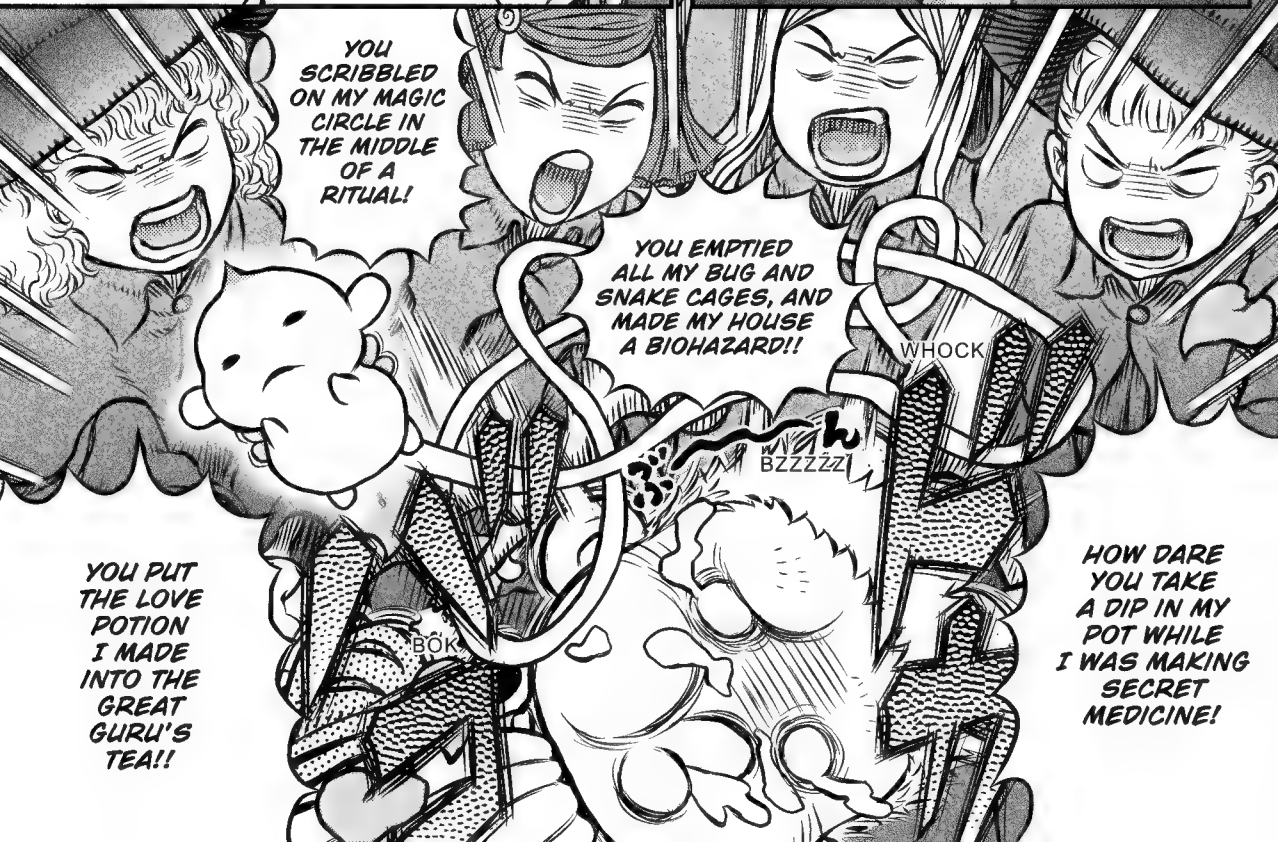
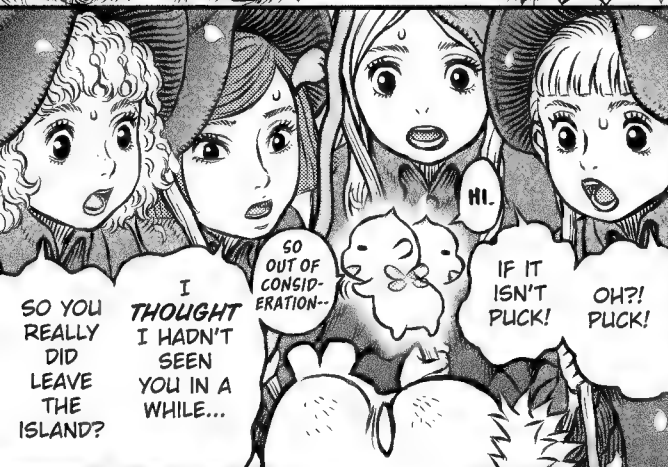
...IT
MAKES ME
WANNA
LIVE UP TO
THE HYPE!
AS AN
ENTERTAINER!



IT'S
ONLY
NATURAL.

WHERE'VE
I SEEN
THAT KINDA
REACTION
BEFORE?

...WOW.





SAYS
YOU!

GOOD, GOOD.
LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE FITTING
IN WELL
ALREADY.



NOW,
THEN.

FIRST,
STOP BY
MY WALL.



B E R S E R K

幻造世界(ファンタジー)篇／妖精島の章

大導師

GREAT CURUS





HUUUGE...

I'D SAY
YOU COULD
EASILY
FIT YOUR
OLD PLACE
IN HERE.





THE ELIXIR
I WAS COOKING
UP SHOULD BE
NEARLY DONE.
I'D BETTER
RETURN...

...WELL.



THAT'S
CHECK.

MHM.



WH-WHAT
ABOUT
YOU
YESTER-
DAY?

WHAT A FARCE.
IS THIS HOW
YOU'RE GOING
TO ESCAPE
AGAIN?

DANANN.

ISN'T
THE FOOD
READY
YET?

GOING ON
ABOUT SOME
RITUAL WHEN
THE MOON WASN'T
EVEN OUT...SO
OBVIOUS.



IS THIS
THE VILLAGE
SENIOR
CENTER?

RUDE!



YOU
ONLY JUST ATE,
OLD ONE.

OH,
DID I?

OH,
COME
NOW.



MASTER
GINNAR
THE
PONDEROUS.



MASTER
SKIRBIL
THE
PERPLEXED.



LIKE MASTER
GEDFRING,
THEY ARE
GREAT GURUS
WHO GOVERN
THE MAGES OF
THIS VILLAGE.



MASTER
THRAINN
THE
RESOLVED.



...DANANN
THE
DOMESTIC.



AND
THIS
IS...

WELCOME!



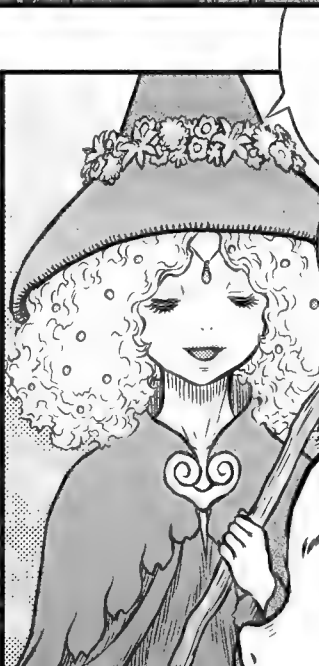
HE'S
GROWN
CHEEKIER.



...BUT
SOMEHOW...
YOU
SHRANK
INSTEAD?



THEY
SAY
TRAVEL
MAKES A
PERSON
GROW...



YOU
WENT ON
A LONG
TRIP.



AND
WELCOME
HOME,
PUCK.

M'BACK.



I'LL PUT ON
THE KETTLE, SO
PLEASE, GET
COMFY.



GUTS...



COULD WE MEET WITH THIS FLOWER STORM MONARCH?

...THE RULER OF THE ELVES...

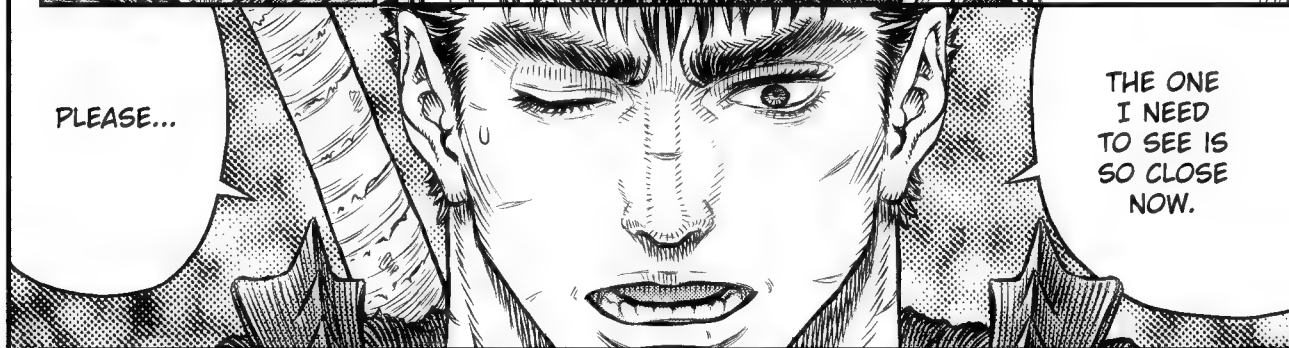
SORRY, BUT FIRST...



WE...

...FOR THE FLOWER STORM MONARCH. THIS WHOLE JOURNEY'S BEEN PINNED ON THAT HOPE.

I HAVE AN URGENT RE-REQUEST...



PLEASE...

THE ONE I NEED TO SEE IS SO CLOSE NOW.



I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE.

...



...WOULDN'T THAT RISK SPOILING THE MONARCH'S MOOD?

AND IF YOU MAKE A SCENE IN YOUR HASTE...

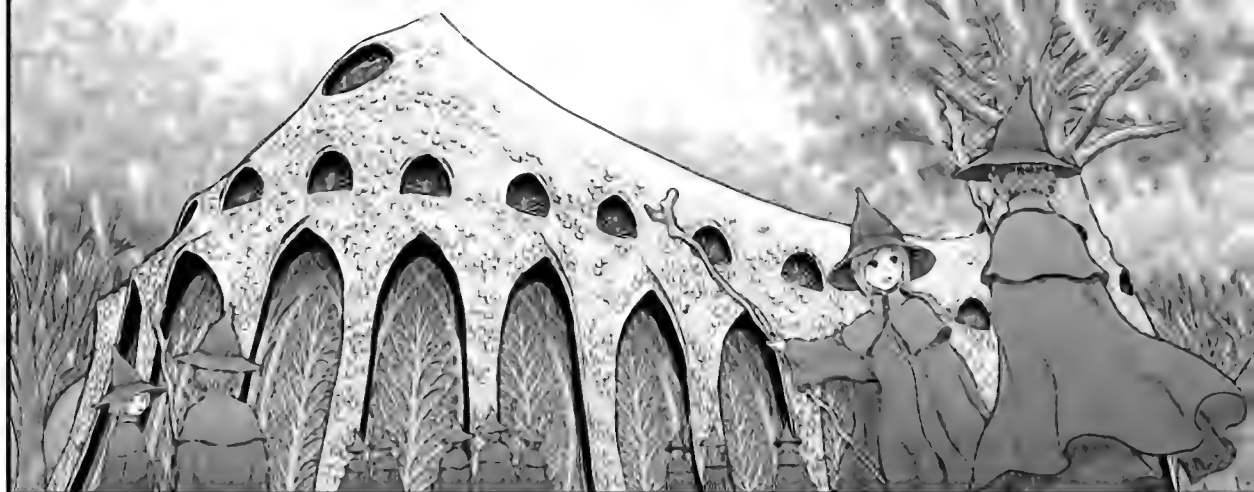
...IS GOING TO DISAPPEAR WHILE YOU DRINK A CUP OF TEA.

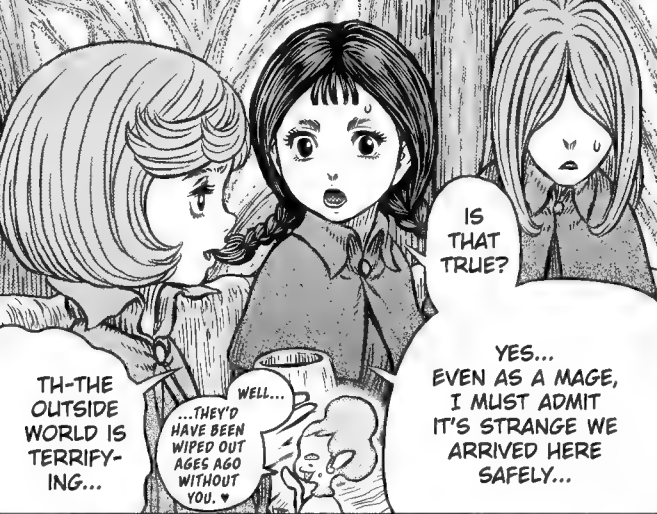
BUT--

NOT EVEN AN ELF...

BUT PLEASE, RELAX AS OUR GUEST.







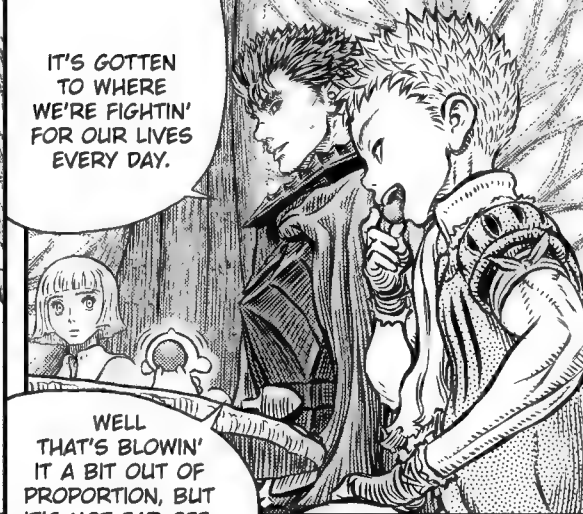
TH-THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS TERRIFYING...

...THEY'D HAVE BEEN WIRED OUT AGES AGO WITHOUT YOU. ♡

WELL...

YES... EVEN AS A MAGE, I MUST ADMIT IT'S STRANGE WE ARRIVED HERE SAFELY...

IS THAT TRUE?



IT'S GOTTEN TO WHERE WE'RE FIGHTIN' FOR OUR LIVES EVERY DAY.

WELL THAT'S BLOWIN' IT A BIT OUT OF PROPORTION, BUT IT'S NOT FAR OFF.



THERE YOU GO AGAIN...

I SAY IT SOUNDS THRILLING.

WOW!



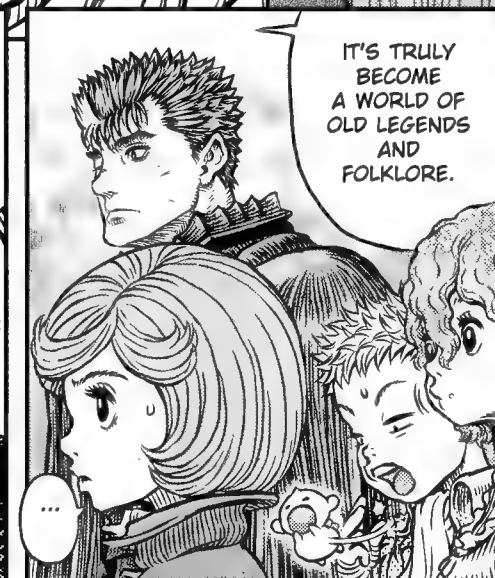
...BY WAY OF THE GREAT ROAR.

THAT'S THE WORLD THE HAWK OF LIGHT BROUGHT ABOUT...



OLD MAN...

...COULD YOU EXPLAIN MORE ABOUT THAT?



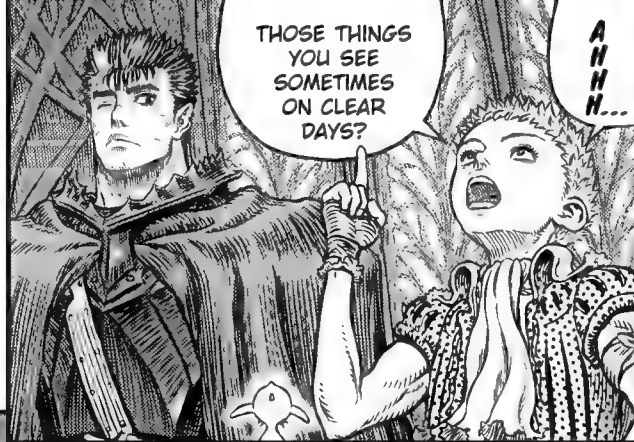
IT'S TRULY BECOME A WORLD OF OLD LEGENDS AND FOLKLORE.



THEY'RE
QUITE
CONVENIENT
FOR US
SAILORS.

I THOUGHT
THEY WERE
STRANGELY
SHAPED
CLOUDS
OR SOME-
THING...

YOU CAN
USE THEM LIKE
CONSTELLATIONS
IN BROAD
DAYLIGHT.



THOSE THINGS
YOU SEE
SOMETIMES
ON CLEAR
DAYS?

A
H
H...



...THAT
APPEAR
TO STRETCH
THROUGH
THE SKY?

...HAVE
ANY OF
YOU CAUGHT
SIGHT
OF THE
"BRANCHES"...

SINCE
THAT
DAY...



THOSE
ARE ITS
BRANCHES.

...THE
EARTH,
AND THE
UNDERWORLD.

...TO
CONNECT
THE
HEAVENS...

...OF
LEGEND,
THAT'S
SAID...

IT'S
A HUGE
TREE...

THAT'S
THE
WORLD
TREE.

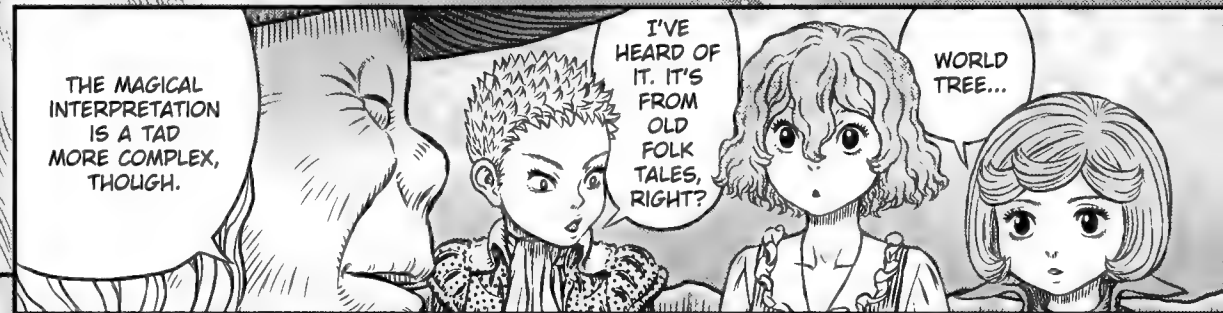


YOU'VE
LEARNED
WELL.

OH??

THAT'S
FLORA'S
DEAREST
STUDENT
FOR YOU.

YOU
MEAN
THE
DRAGON
PATH.



THE MAGICAL
INTERPRETATION
IS A TAD
MORE COMPLEX,
THOUGH.

I'VE
HEARD OF
IT. IT'S
FROM
OLD
FOLK
TALES,
RIGHT?

WORLD
TREE...



...OF THE
PHYSICAL
AND
ASTRAL
WORLDS.

...PIERCING
DEEP
INTO THE
LAYERS...

IT'S
LITERALLY
A MASSIVE
FISSURE
THAT
PENETRATES
THE WORLD...

SMALL ONES
ARE CALLED THE
ELFIN PATH, AND
THEY CONNECT
TO THE ASTRAL
WORLD
SHALLOWS.

OCCASIONALLY,
CHILDREN IN
THE WOODS
WILL GET LOST
ON THEM.

ON VERY RARE
OCCASION, SUCH
AS DURING
A FULL MOON,
PATHS WILL
CONNECT THE
PHYSICAL
AND ASTRAL
WORLDS.

FIS-
SURE...

A
CRACK?

WHAT'S
THAT
ABOUT?

TRY
VISUALIZING
SOMETHING
LIKE A MOLE
BURROW.

...AND
REACH
DEEP INTO
THE ASTRAL
WORLD.

AND
LARGER ONES
ARE CALLED
THE DRAGON
PATH...

...IS A
FETISH FOR
OPENING
THE DRAGON
PATH DEEP
INTO THE
ABYSS.

THAT
"EGG"
AT YOUR
SIDE...

IT
MAKES
ME
LAUGH.

MR.
POTATO
HEAD?

H-
HOW
SINISTER!

WH-
WHAT
IS
THAT?

...OR
IF YOU'RE
MERELY
CARRYING
IT.

MY CONCERN
IS WHETHER
THAT
BELONGS
TO YOU...

WHICH
COULD
IT
BE?

I ONCE
HEARD THE
SAME KINDA
THING IN
ANOTHER
FOREST.

HELL,
YOU'RE
A MAGE
ALL
RIGHT.

...THIS IS
MINE!

AND
LIKE
I SAID
BEFORE...

WHAP.

SHOO!
EEEEK!
NOOO!

HERE,
LOOK.

SURE
ENOUGH, HE'S
EVEN LIKE
THIS BACK
HOME.

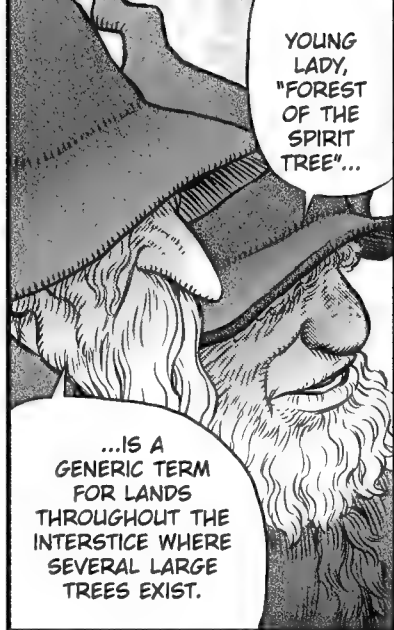
HE'S
CUTE
UP
CLOSE.

HIS
FAVORITE
FOOD'S
CHEESE. ♡

IT'S
DOWNRIGHT
GHASTLY...

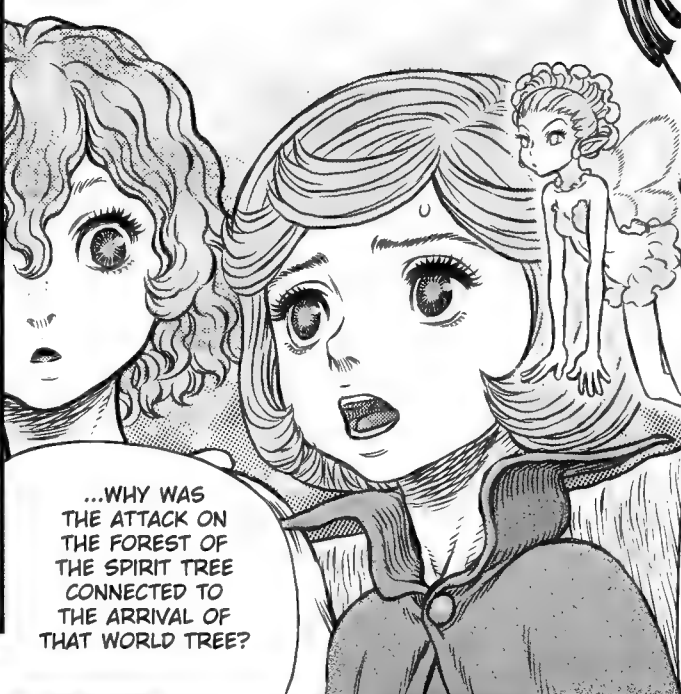
DON'T
LET IT
CURSE
YOU!

H-HEY,
ISN'T
THAT
THING
DANGEROUS
...?



YOUNG
LADY,
"FOREST
OF THE
SPIRIT
TREE"...

...IS A
GENERIC TERM
FOR LANDS
THROUGHOUT THE
INTERSTICE WHERE
SEVERAL LARGE
TREES EXIST.



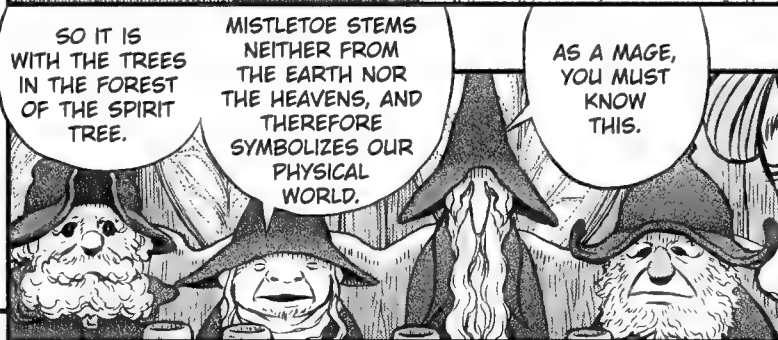
...WHY WAS
THE ATTACK ON
THE FOREST OF
THE SPIRIT TREE
CONNECTED TO
THE ARRIVAL OF
THAT WORLD TREE?

EXCUSE
ME--
COULD
YOU
PLEASE
TELL
ME...



...INTO
THE
WORLD
TREE.

AND EACH
OF THOSE
LARGE TREES
IS A PARASITIC
PLANT, LIKE
MISTLETOE, WITH
ITS ROOTS
FASTENED
SPIRITUALLY...



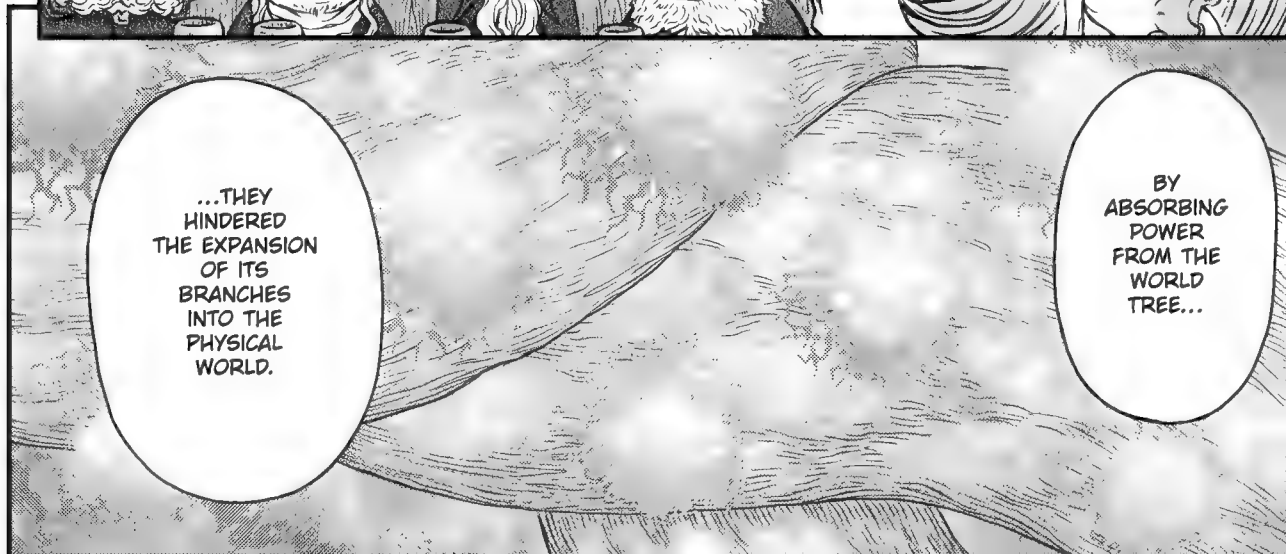
SO IT IS
WITH THE TREES
IN THE FOREST
OF THE SPIRIT
TREE.

MISTLETOE STEMS
NEITHER FROM
THE EARTH NOR
THE HEAVENS, AND
THEREFORE
SYMBOLIZES OUR
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

AS A MAGE,
YOU MUST
KNOW
THIS.



PARA-
SITIC...

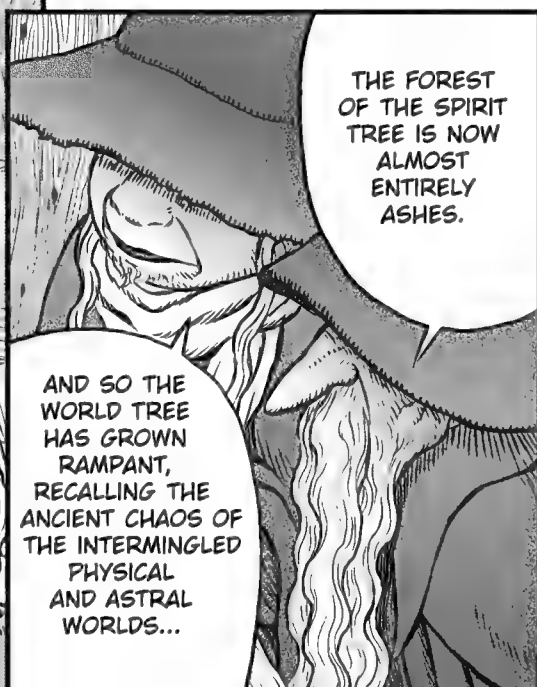


...THEY
HINDERED
THE EXPANSION
OF ITS
BRANCHES
INTO THE
PHYSICAL
WORLD.

BY
ABSORBING
POWER
FROM THE
WORLD
TREE...

...TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF MAGIC, WHILE GUARDING THAT LAND AND MAINTAINING BALANCE BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND ASTRAL WORLDS.

MAGES LIVING IN THE FOREST OF THE SPIRIT TREE USED THE VAST SPIRITUAL POWER SURROUNDING THEIR TREE...



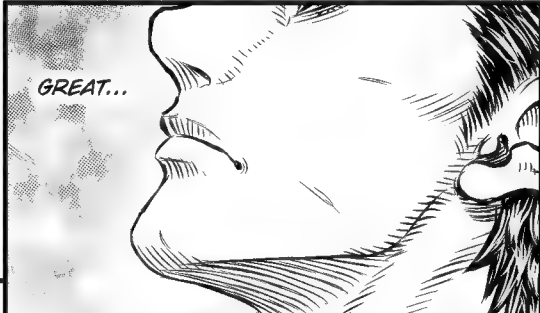


WHAT IS IT
HE DESIRES SO
MUCH THAT
HE'D BE
REINCARNATED...

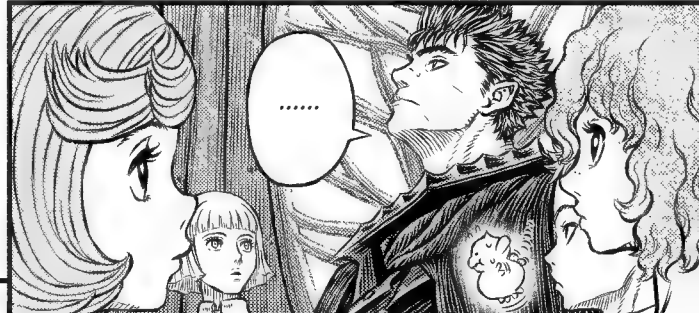
WHO
IS THE
HAWK OF
LIGHT?

...AS
THE GUARDIAN
ANGEL OF
LONGING,
AND THEN
TRANSFORM
THE WORLD
THIS WAY?

CAN
YOU TELL
ME?



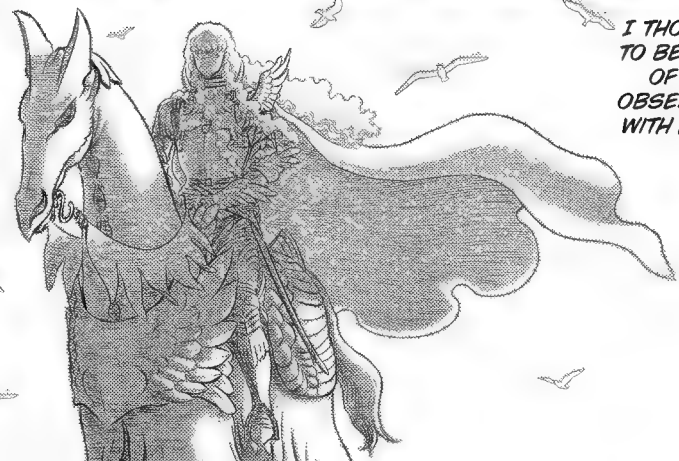
GREAT...



.....

...BY THE
TIME WE
REACHED
OUR
DESTINATION...

I THOUGHT
TO BE FREE
OF MY
OBSESSION
WITH HIM...





HE'LL
HAVE HIS
OWN
KINGDOM.

I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D BE
QUESTIONED
ABOUT HIM.



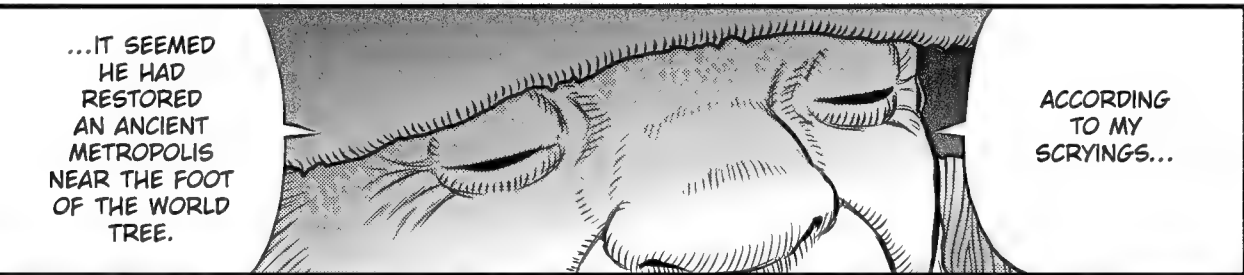
SEIZING
A
KING-
DOM...

THAT
DOES
MAKE
SENSE.



...BACK
IN OUR
MERCENARY
DAYS.

THAT'S
WHAT
HE'D
SAY...



...IT SEEMED
HE HAD
RESTORED
AN ANCIENT
METROPOLIS
NEAR THE FOOT
OF THE WORLD
TREE.

ACCORDING
TO MY
SCRYINGS...

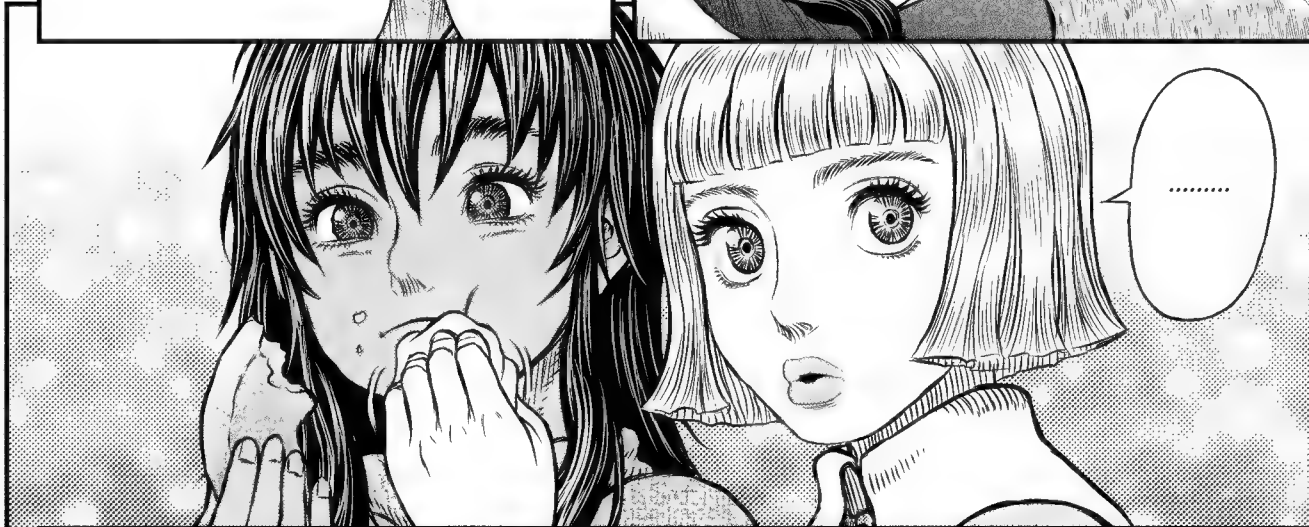
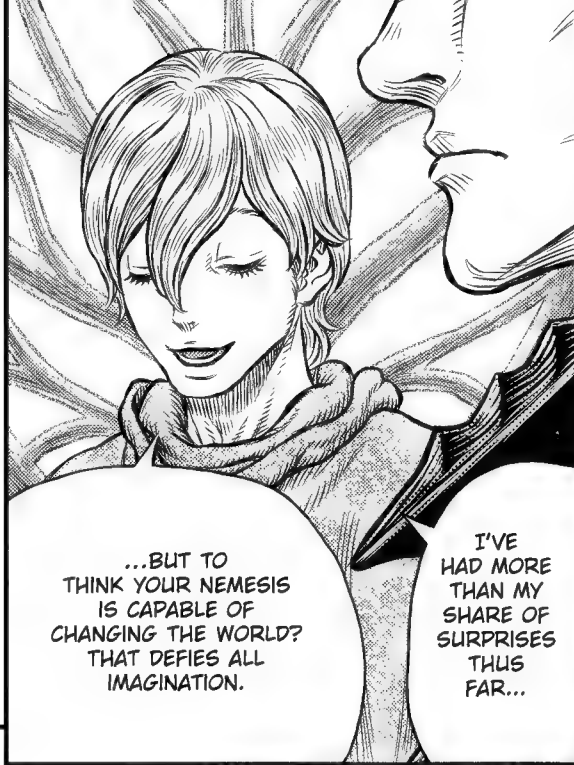


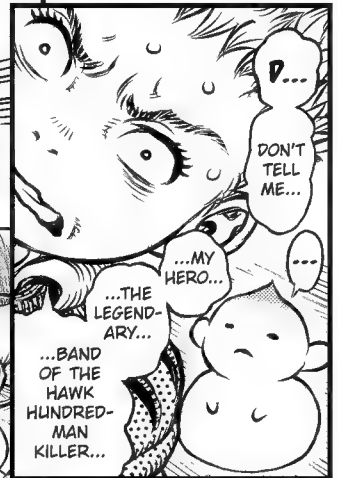
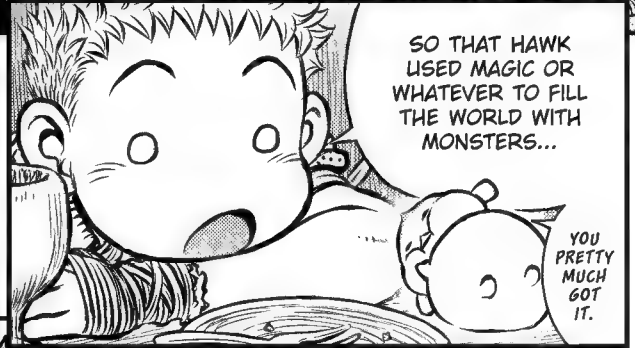
YOU COULD
SAY IT'S THE
ONE AND ONLY
"KINGDOM"
WHERE PEOPLE
CAN LIVE IN
PEACE AND
PROSPERITY.

...A LAND OF
CALM SPIRITUAL
POWER THAT
REPELS ANY
WICKED ETHEREAL
BODIES.

...IT'S IRONIC
THAT THE
ROOT OF HIS
TREE IS LIKE
THE EYE
OF A
STORM...

IN THIS
NEW
WORLD
OF
CHAOS...







NOTHING'S
CHANGED.

...THAT'S
JUST
ONE
STEP...

...ALONG
HIS
WAY.

GETTING
HIS
KINGDOM...

HE'LL
CONTINUE
SOARING
HIGHER
AND
HIGHER.

THAT'S
GRIFFITH...

...THE
HAWK.



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妖^{エル}精^フ郷^{ヘルム}

WELHELM



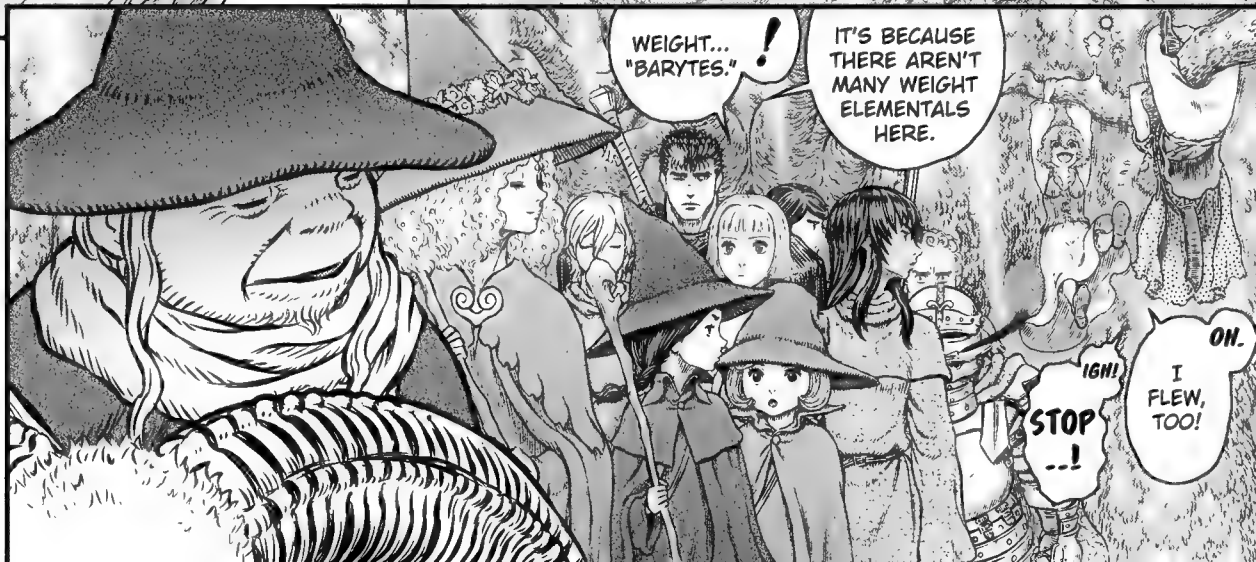
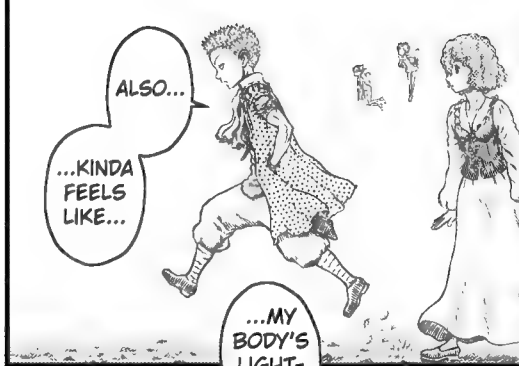
HWAH-
HH.

DON'T STRAY
FROM THE
LINE, OR
YOU'LL GET
LOST.

SO
FULLA
YOUR-
SELF.

IM-
PRESSED
YET?

I FEEL
LIKE I'VE
BECOME
A
DWARF.



SUCH THINGS WOULD GENERALLY CLASH WITH THOSE WHO DWELL IN THIS FOREST.

A BARYTES IS SO SMALL, YOU CAN'T EVEN SCRY IT, BUT WHEN GATHERED TOGETHER, THEY MAKE OBJECTS HEAVY, DARKEN THE SKY, AND PRODUCE THINGS LIKE DEPRESSION AND OBSESSION IN THE MIND.

AN ELEMENT *OUTSIDE* THE FIRE, WATER, WIND, AND EARTH THAT MAKE UP THE WORLD.

BARYTES?

IT IS THE "WEIGHT" ELEMENT-- EXTREMELY MINUTE BEINGS THAT TIE TOGETHER THOSE FOUR GREAT ELEMENTS.

YA-NA-NA BOING BOING BOING BOING BOING BOING BOING

MY BODY FEELS LIGHT.

IT'S TRUE.

BOING BOING BOING BOING

GRRSH

D- DON'T SHAKE IT!

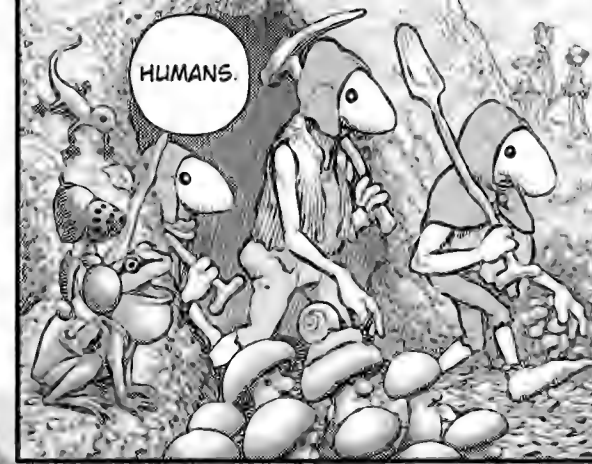
POOR POKE WAS LONELY! NOT THAT I REMEMBERED THAT UNTIL NOW.

I'M SURE HE FORGOT THE WAY HOME WHILE HE WAS PLAYIN' AROUND, POOK. THAT SNEAK.

HEY PECK, IT'S PUCK. HE'S ALIVE.

HI, PUCK. LONG TIME.

HI, PICK.





ELFHelm,
indeed.

THIS
IS
AMAZING...



WHY'RE
YA
HERE?

WHERE'D
YA
COME
FROM?

WELCOME,
HUMAN.

TREA-
SURE
HUNT-
ING?

EH?

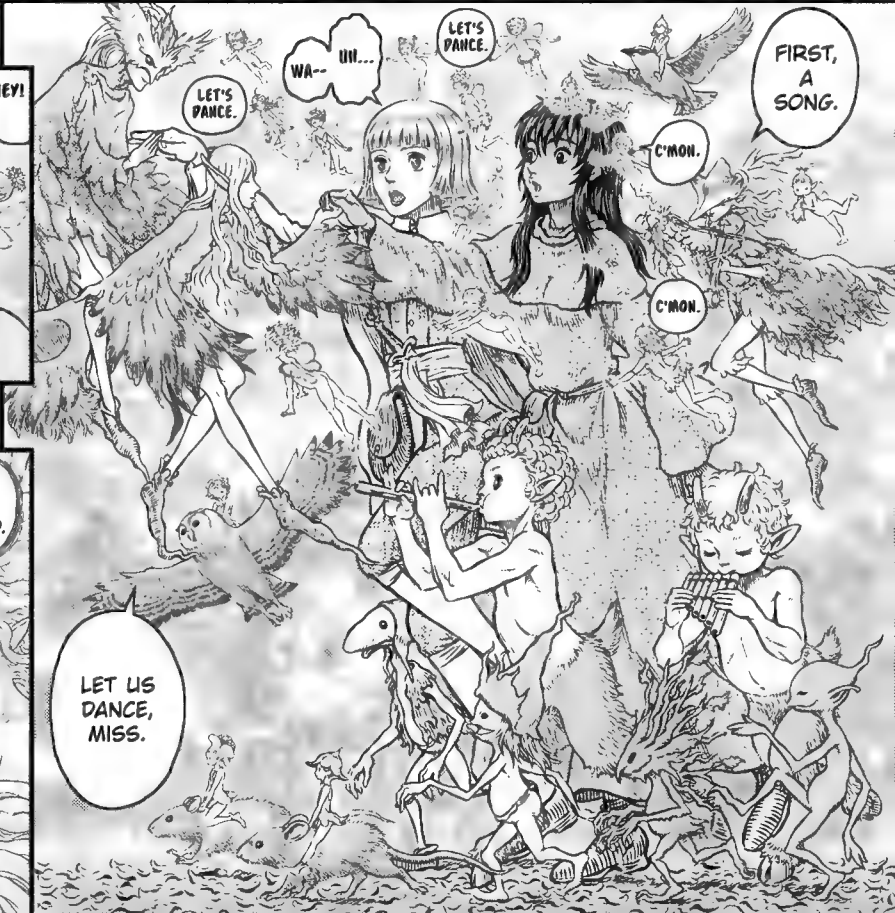
WEL-
COME.

WHEE! WHEE!



HEY!

LADY--



LET'S
DANCE.

LET'S
DANCE.

WA--
UH...

FIRST,
A
SONG.

C'MON.

C'MON.



THE
WIND.

OUR
KIND.

IT'S
THE
WIND.

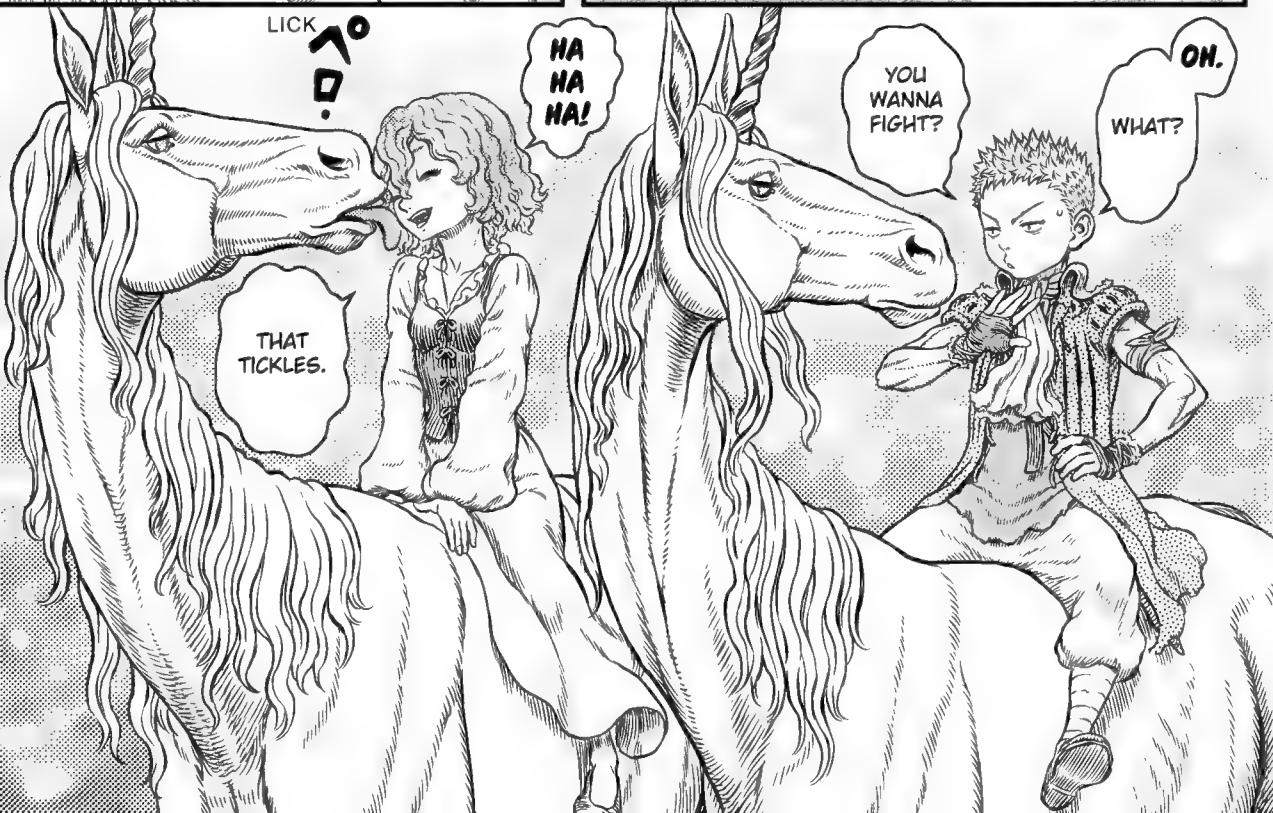
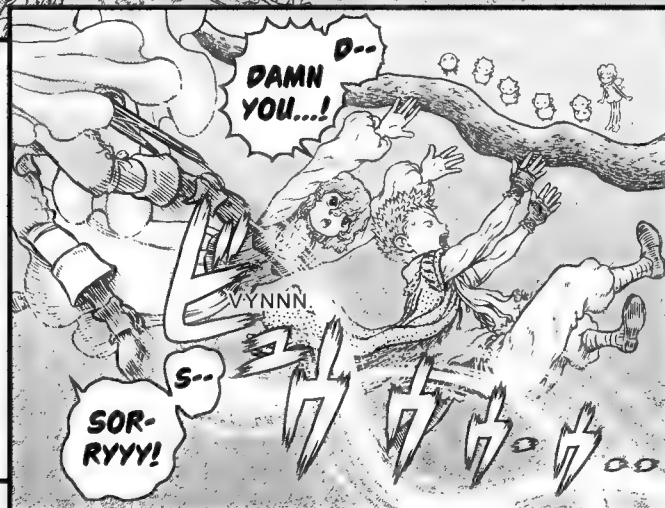
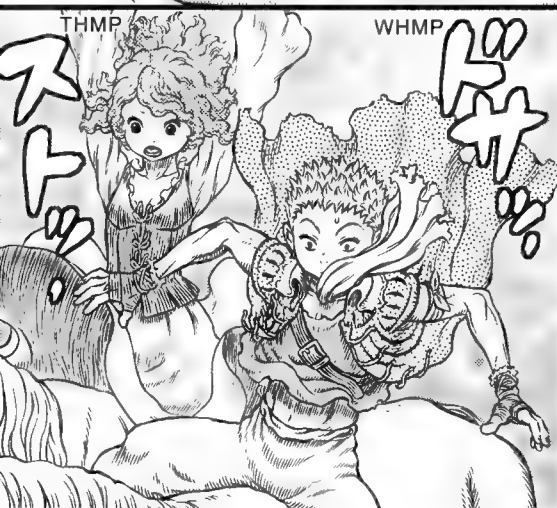
HUH?

OUR
KIND.

EH?

THIS
ONE
IS
CLAD
IN
THE
WIND.

LET
US
DANCE,
MISS.



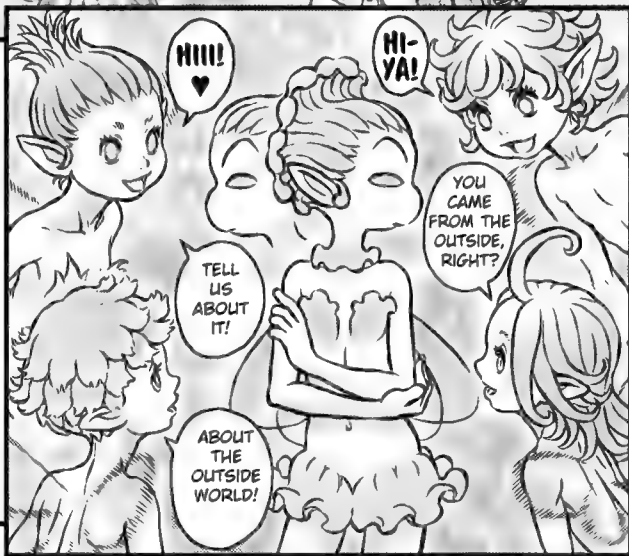


WHO A!

L-LET GO!
DO YOU PLAN
TO EAT ME?!
HOW MUCH DO
YOU WANT?!

THAT'S
THE WAY
IT IS
WITH
ELVES.

THIS IS
CHAOS.



HIII!
♥

HI-YA!

TELL
US
ABOUT
IT!

ABOUT
THE
OUTSIDE
WORLD!

YOU
CAME
FROM THE
OUTSIDE,
RIGHT?



DEFINITELY
FEELS LIKE
THE LITTLE
CHESTNUT'S
HOMETOWN!

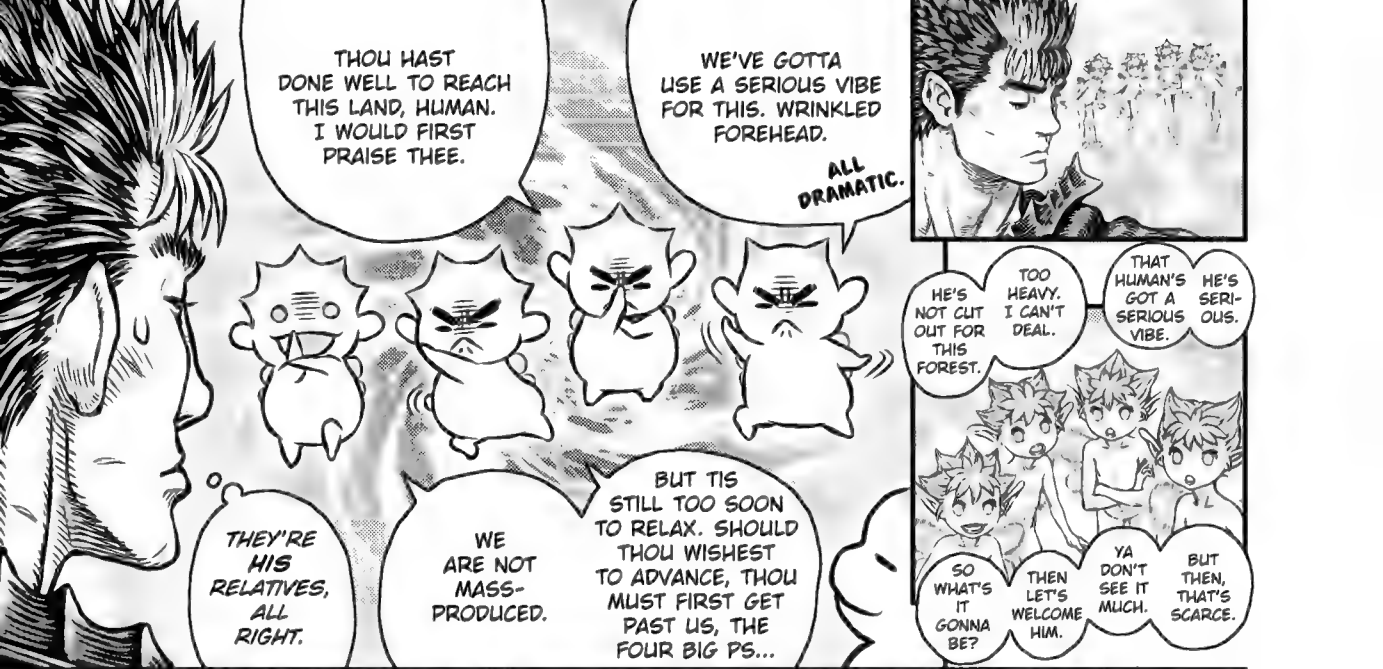
YOW!
NOBODY
IN THIS
FOREST
HAS ANY
DISCIPLINE!

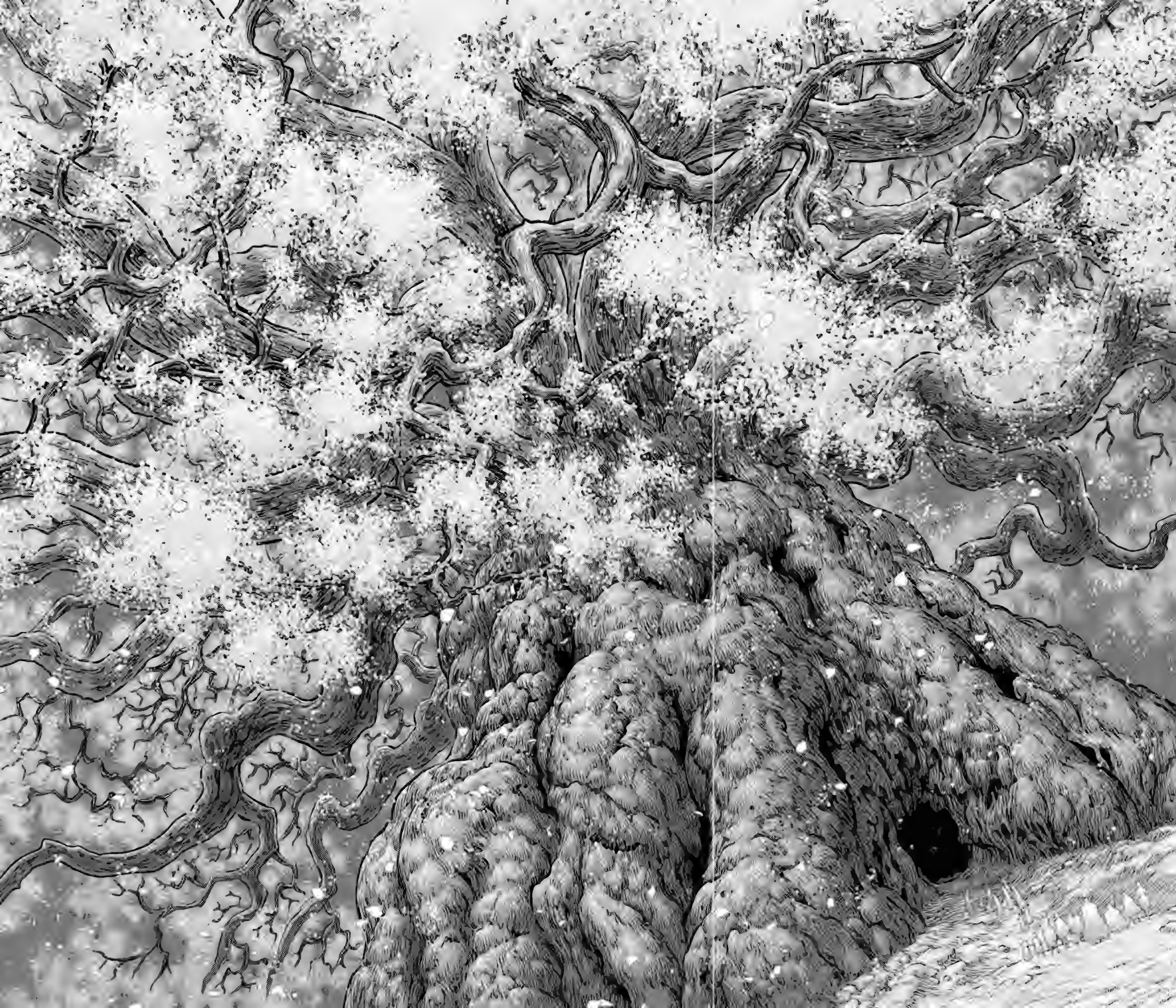


WELLLL,
IF YOU
INSIST.

FINE,
I'LL TELL
YA ABOUT
MY AND
SCHIERKE'S
GORGEOUS
ADVENTURE.

HO HO HO







SO THIS
IS A **CHERRY**
TREE, HUH? JUST
HOW MUCH FRUIT
GROWS ON THIS
THING, ANYWAY?

YOU CAN
EAT ALL THE
CHERRIES YA WANT
YEAR-ROUND.
THEY GROW BACK
AS SOON AS
YA PICK 'EM.

WELL, DAMN...
UP CLOSE IT
LOOKS MORE LIKE
A MOUNTAIN THAN
A TREE. LIKE
YOU COULD PUT
A WHOLE CASTLE
ON TOP.

IT'S SO
MAJESTIC...
LIKE SOME
OTHERWORLDLY
SPECTACLE.

IT'S
PRETTY...
SO MANY
ELVES...

DWELLING
IN THIS HUGE
SPIRIT
TREE AND
ATTENDED BY
SO MANY
ELVES...

...JUST
HOW
POWERFUL
IS THE
FLOWER
STORM
MONARCH...?

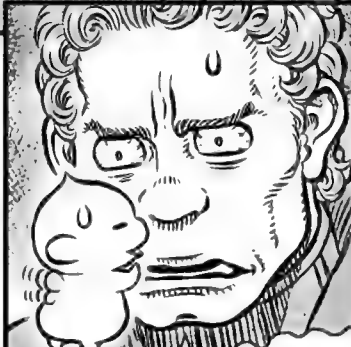
WHY'S
THAT IRK
ME?!

EVERY-
ONE!

YOU
ENTER
THROUGH
THAT
HOLLOW!



IF YOU WOULD PLEASE FIRST INTERMEDIATE WITH THE CURRENT RULER.



AHHH... RIGHT. YEAH. I REMEMBER.

SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ALREADY?! ABOUT PUTTING YOU ON THE ELVEN THRONE...

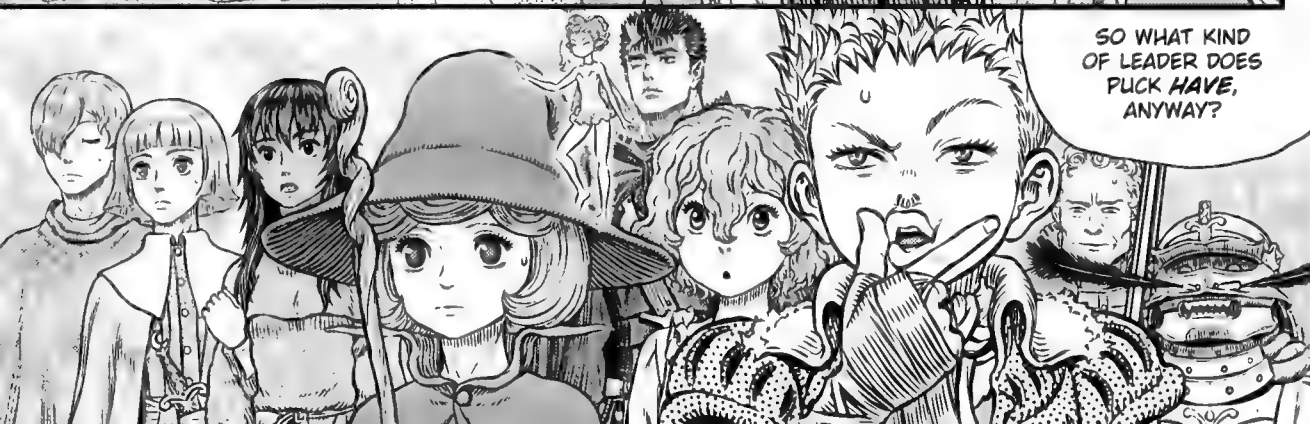


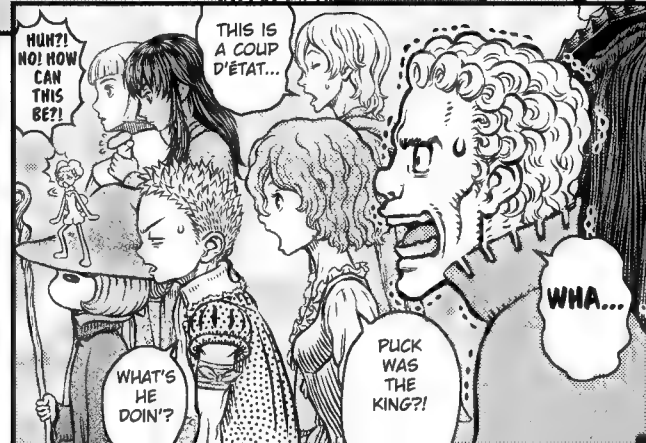
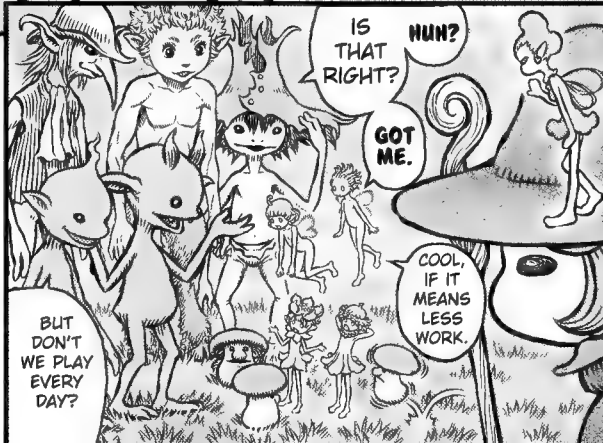
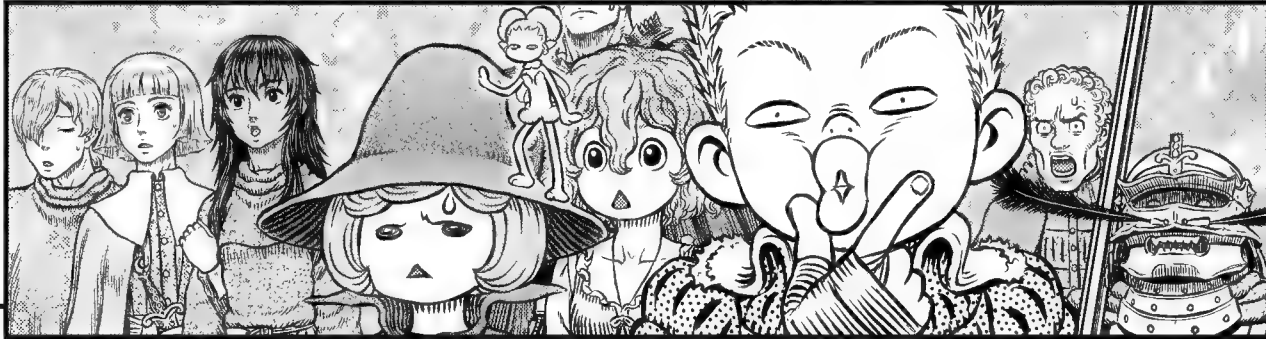
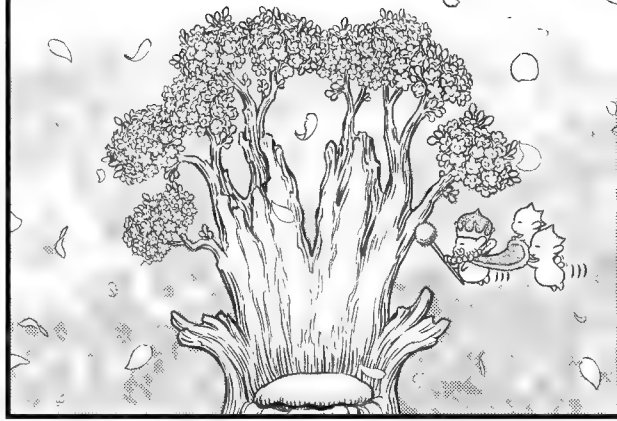
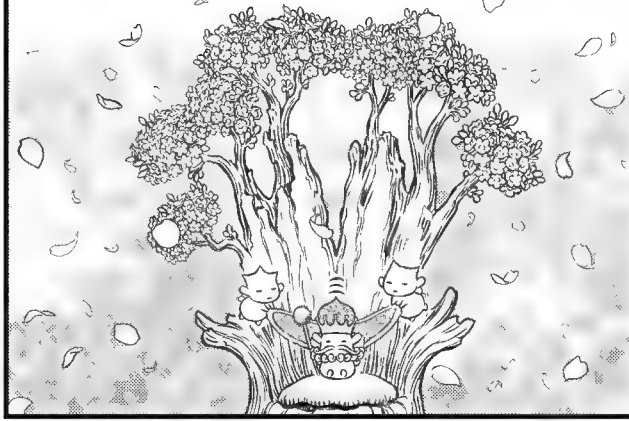


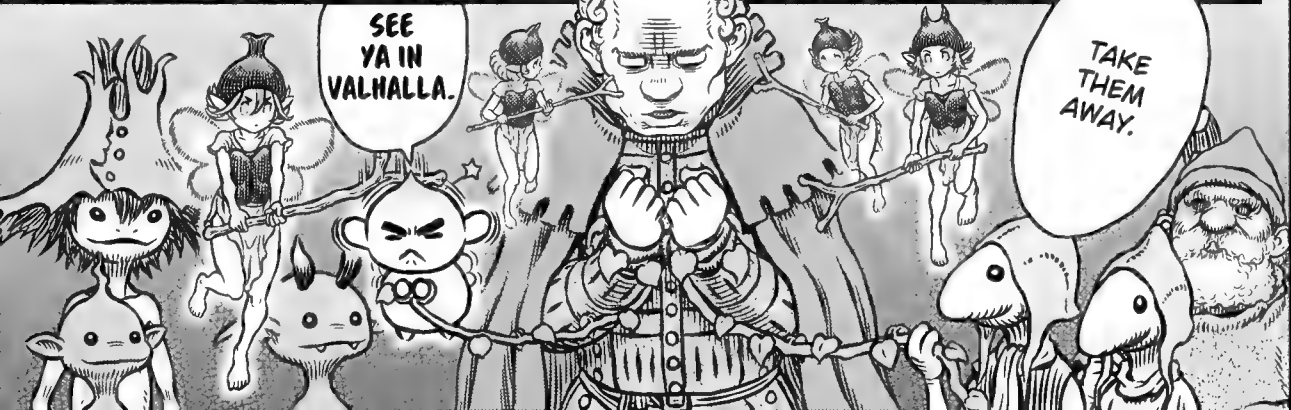
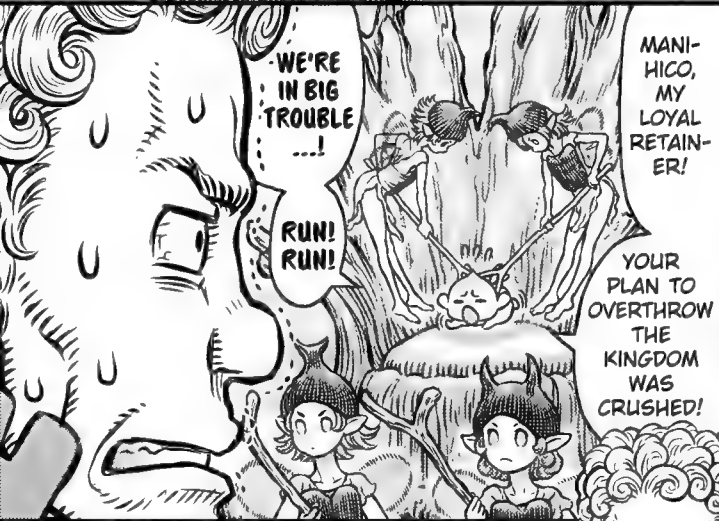
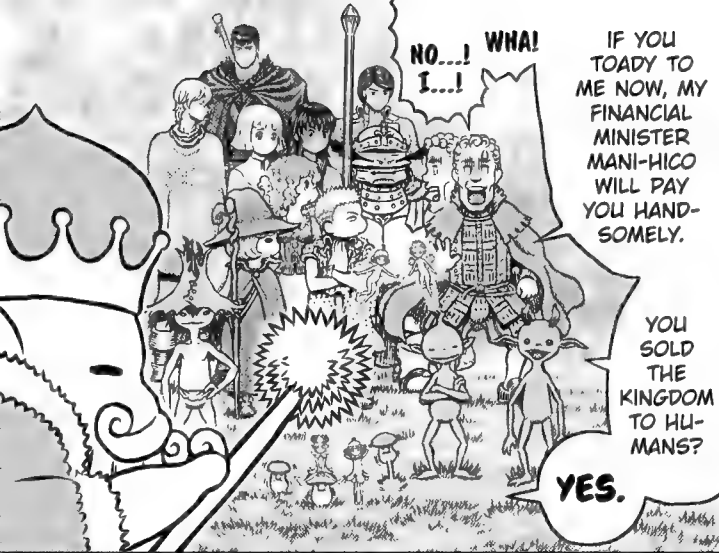
I GUESS
THE TREE
ITSELF
IS A
PALACE...

WHAT
THE
HELL
...?!





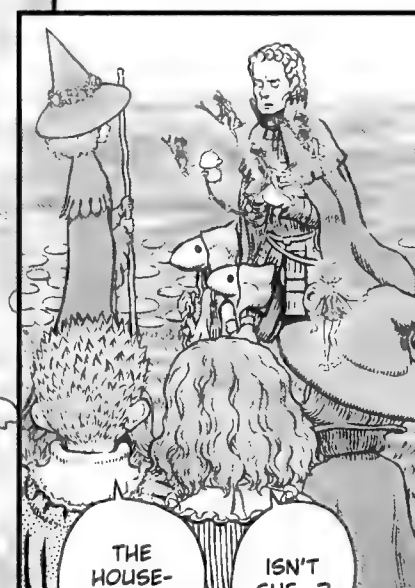






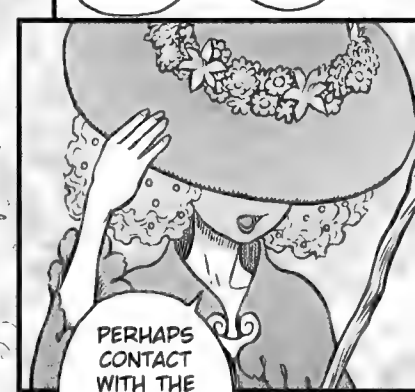
...THE KINGDOM, PUCK.

GOOD GRIEF. YOU CAN'T GO OVER-THROWING...

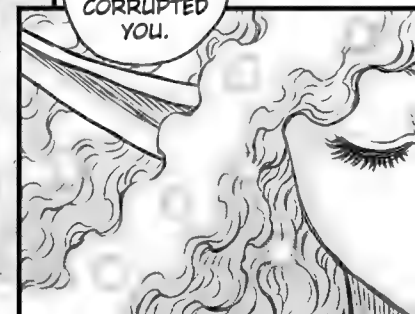


THE HOUSE-KEEPER.

ISN'T SHE...?



PERHAPS CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD'S CORRUPTED YOU.





...TRAVEL-
ERS.

WELCOME
TO MY
ELFHelm...

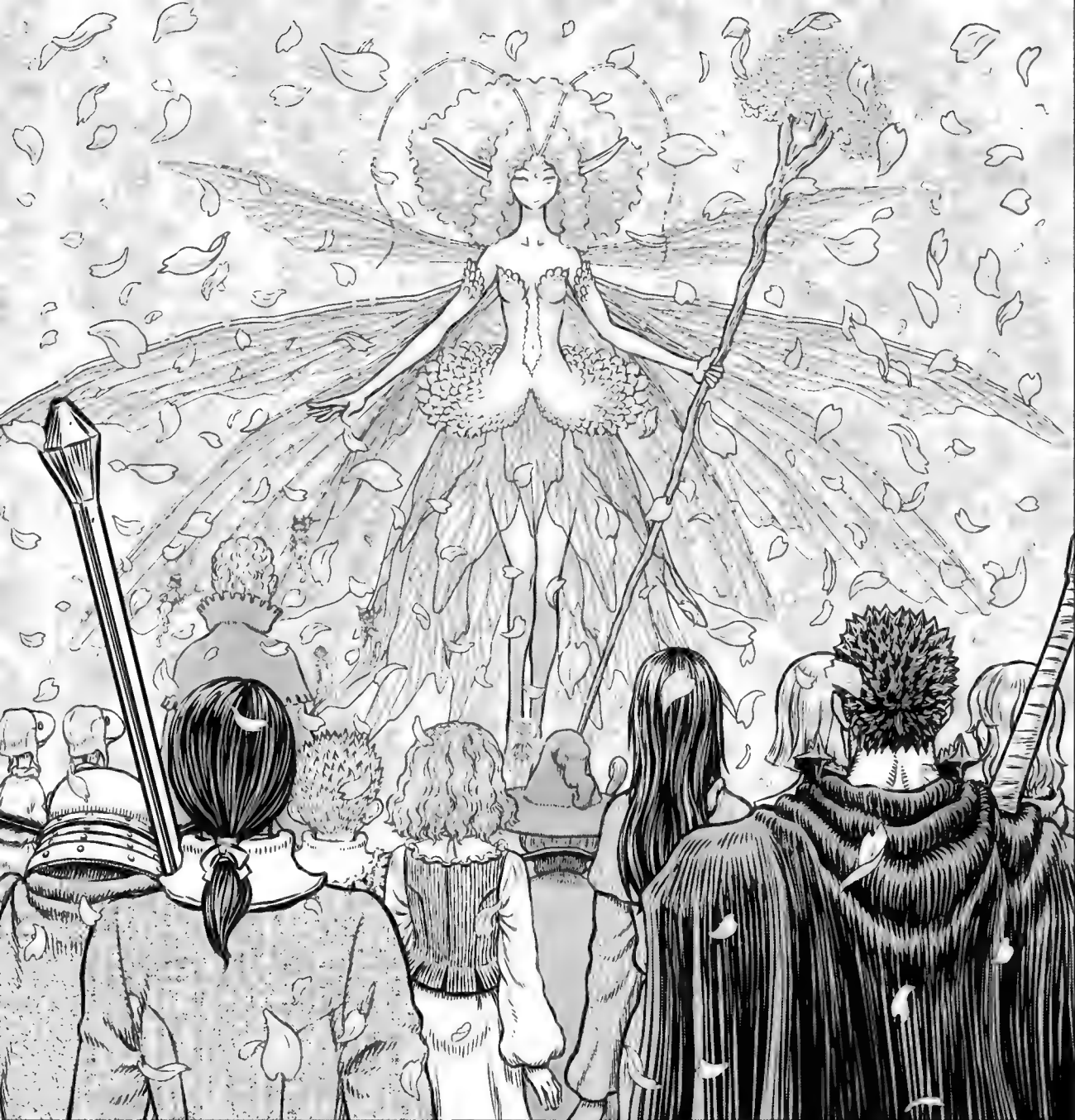


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はなふゆ
花吹雪く王

THE FLOWER
STORM MONARCH



BUT... IT'S
COMFORTABLE...
LIKE I'M
WRAPPED UP
IN IT...

THAT'S NICE
AND WARM.
REMINDS
ME OF THE
SPIRIT TREE
MANSION.

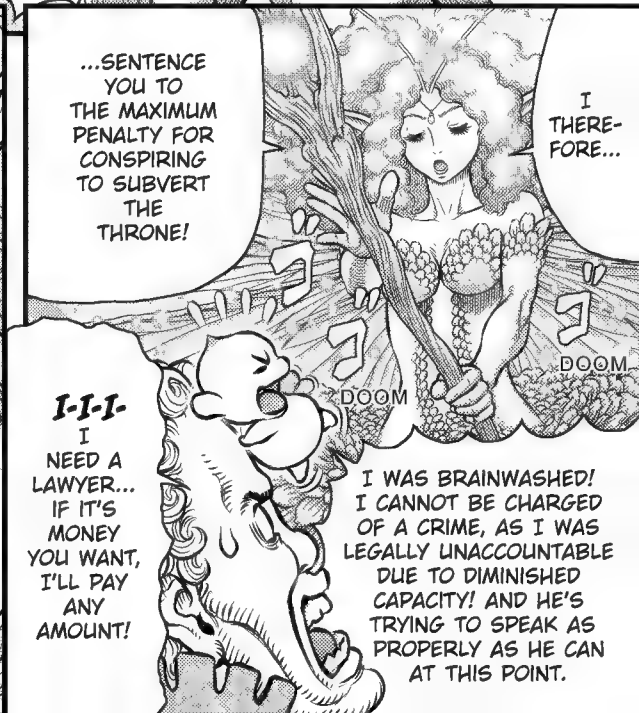
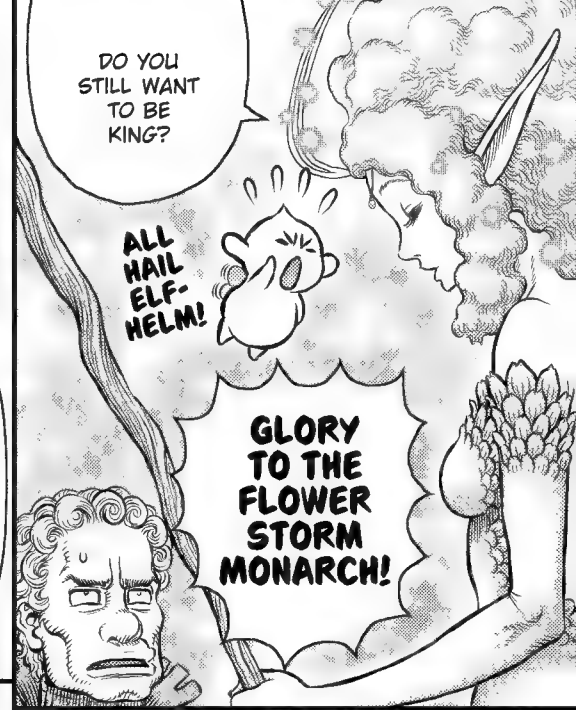
I
FEEL AN
EXTRAORDINARY
SPIRITUAL
PRESSURE.

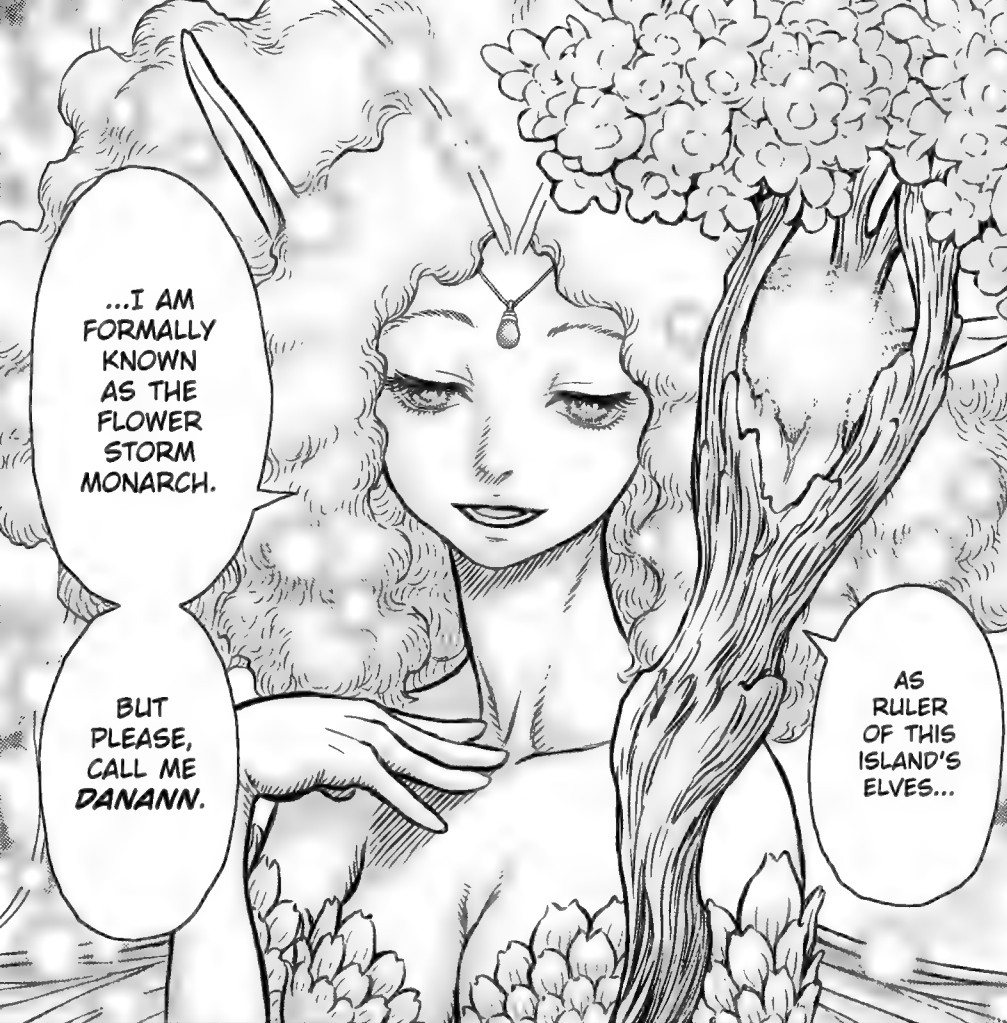
THE
FLOWER
STORM
MONARCH.

THIS
IS THE
RULER OF
THE
ELVES...!

WE
MADE IT
HERE...

OH H...





...I AM
FORMALLY
KNOWN
AS THE
FLOWER
STORM
MONARCH.

BUT
PLEASE,
CALL ME
DANANN.

AS
RULER
OF THIS
ISLAND'S
ELVES...



SO.

NOW
THAT
THAT'S
ALL
CLEANED
UP.



...YOU WISH
TO RESTORE
THE YOUNG
RAVEN-HAIRED
WOMAN TO HER
SENSES?

BLACK
SWORDS-
MAN...

I HAVE
HEARD
YOUR
TALE.



YOU
CAN DO
THAT?!

y--



...MOST
LIKELY.

IF WE
USE THE
CORRIDOR
OF
DREAMS...

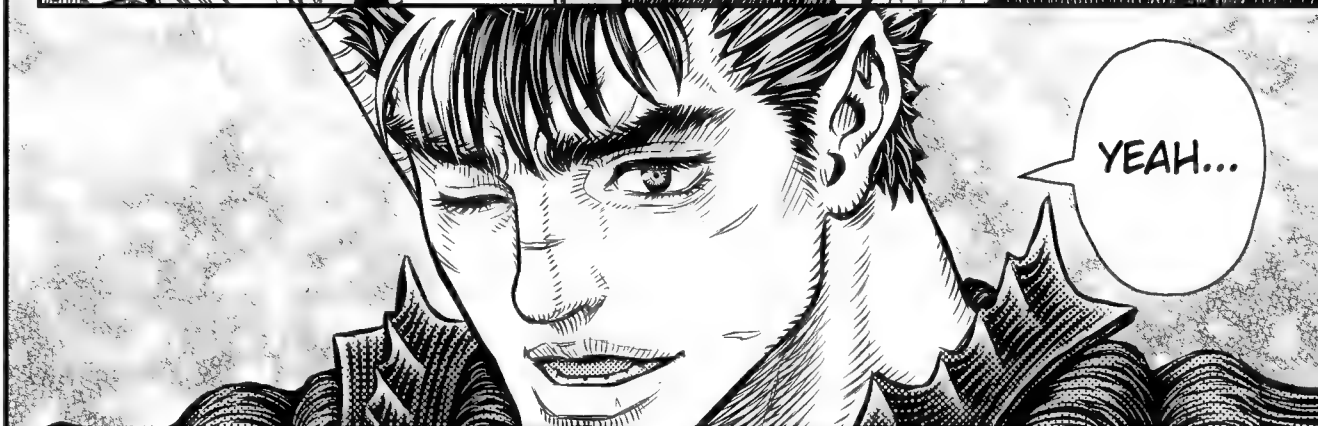


THAT'S
GREAT!

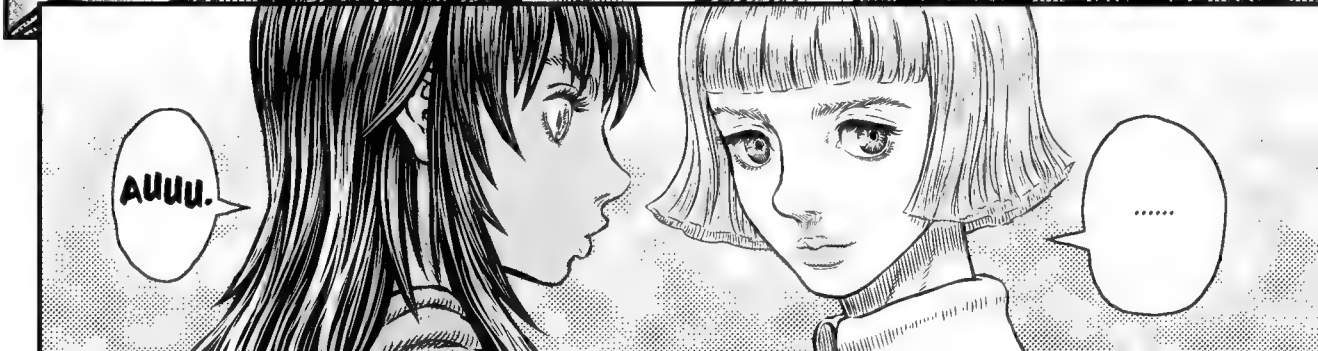
CONGRATULA-
TIONS.

GOOD
NEWS,
CHIEF.

THAT'S
A
RELIEF,
THEN.

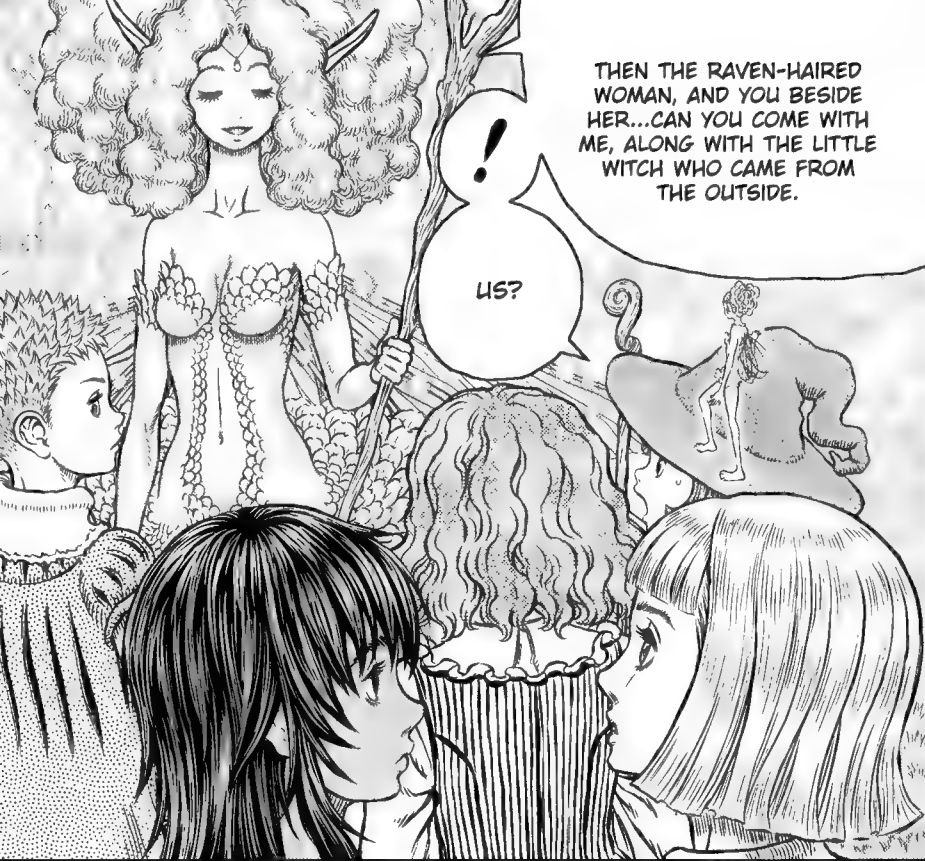


YEAH...



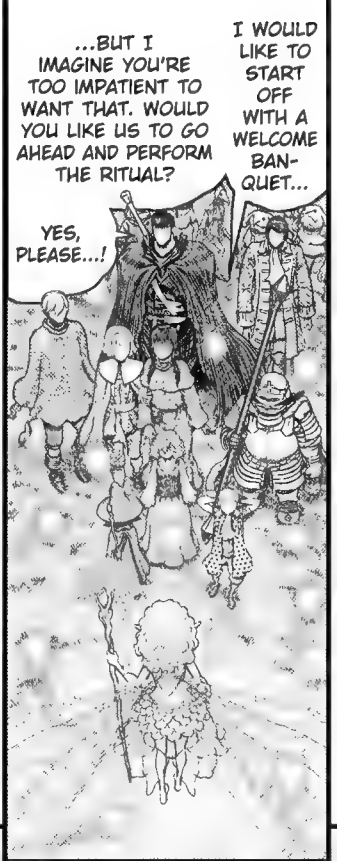
AUUU.

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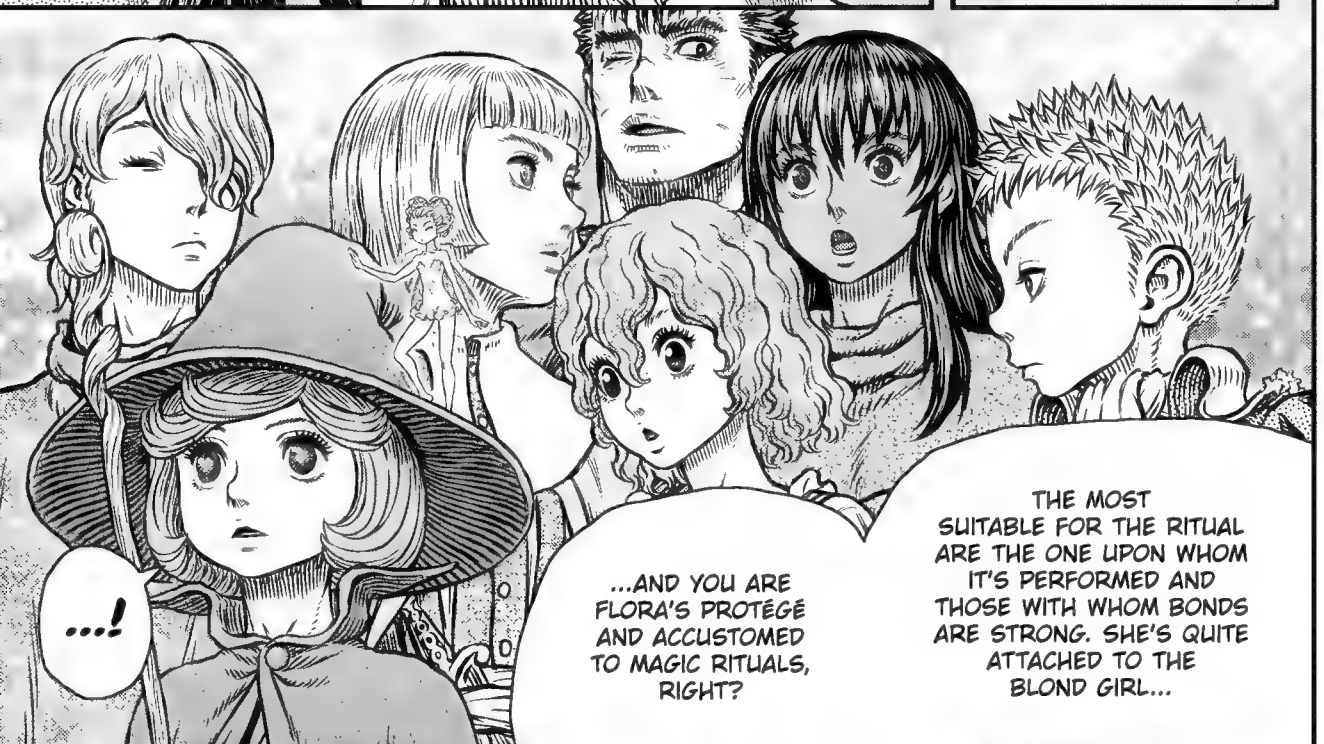
THEN THE RAVEN-HAIRED WOMAN, AND YOU BESIDE HER...CAN YOU COME WITH ME, ALONG WITH THE LITTLE WITCH WHO CAME FROM THE OUTSIDE.

US?



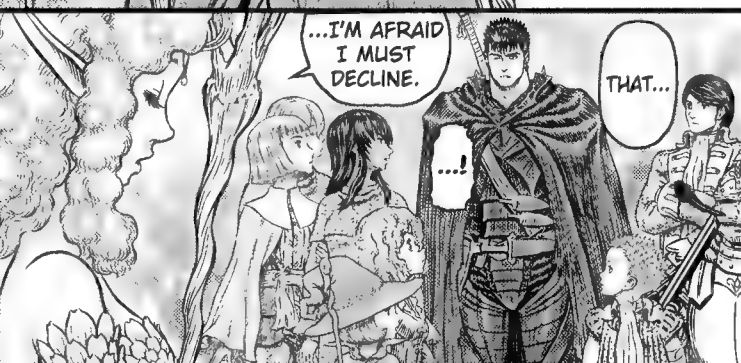
YES, PLEASE...!

I WOULD LIKE TO START OFF WITH A WELCOME BANQUET...



...AND YOU ARE FLORA'S PROTÉGÉ AND ACCUSTOMED TO MAGIC RITUALS, RIGHT?

THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE RITUAL ARE THE ONE UPON WHOM IT'S PERFORMED AND THOSE WITH WHOM BONDS ARE STRONG. SHE'S QUITE ATTACHED TO THE BLOND GIRL...



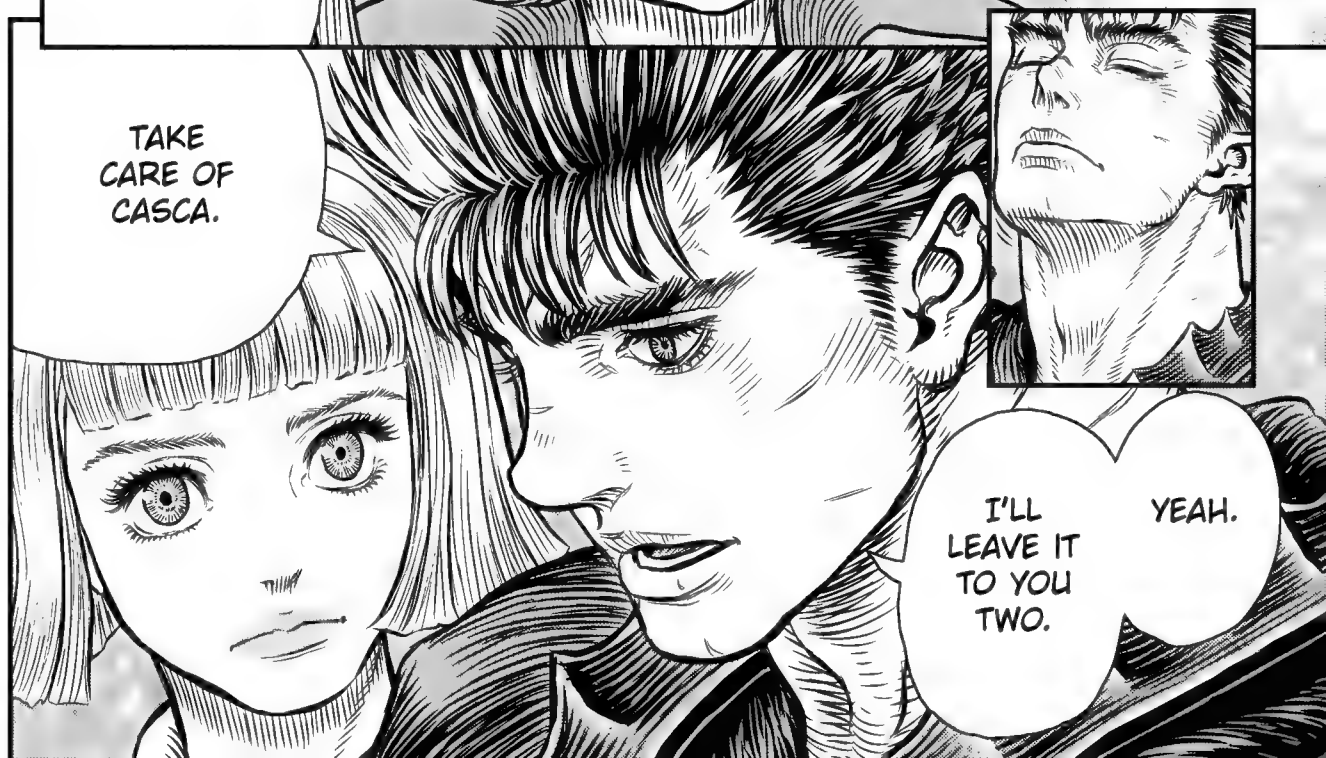
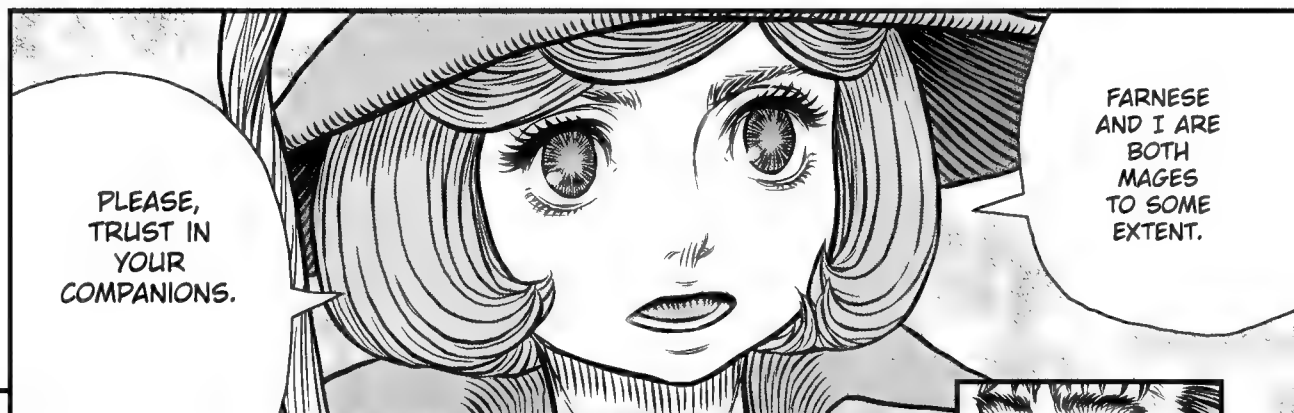
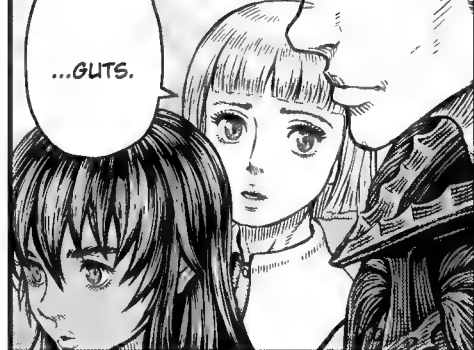
...I'M AFRAID I MUST DECLINE.

THAT...



COUNT ME IN, TOO...

THEN HOLD ON.





THEY'LL PROBABLY CATCH UP WHEN THEY'RE DONE WORKING.

IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE PUCK AND MANI-HICO BEHIND?

WE'VE COME THIS FAR. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS WAIT AND HAVE FAITH.



WELL, IT WILL TAKE A WHILE FOR THE RITUAL TO FINISH. IF WE STAY HERE, WE'LL BE PLAY-THINGS FOR THE ELVES AGAIN.

IT'D BE BEST TO COME BACK LATER.

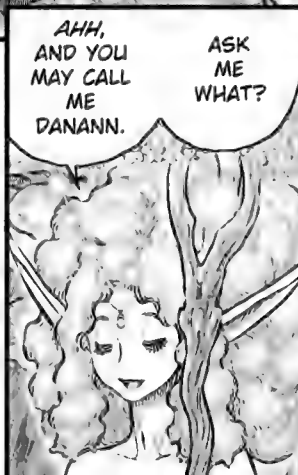


THIS WAY, THIS WAY.



JUST WHAT IS THE CORRIDOR OF DREAMS ...?

DANANN...



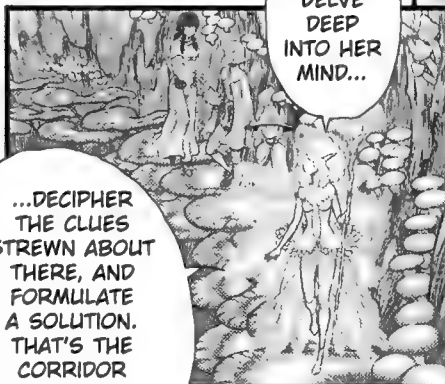
AHH, AND YOU MAY CALL ME DANANN.

ASK ME WHAT?

UM, FLOWER STORM MONARCH. MAY I ASK SOMETHING?



INTO
HER
DREAMS...



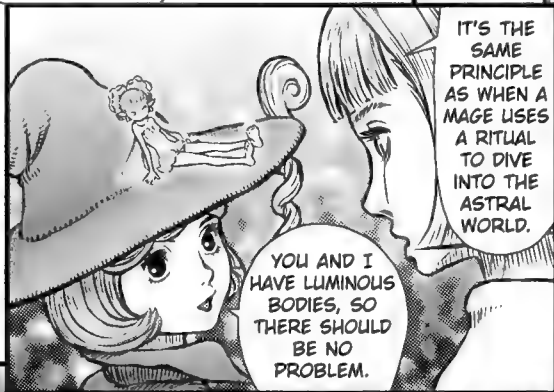
YOU'LL
DELVE
DEEP
INTO HER
MIND...

...DECIPHER
THE CLUES
STREWN ABOUT
THERE, AND
FORMULATE
A SOLUTION.
THAT'S THE
CORRIDOR
OF DREAMS
RITUAL.



I WILL
HAVE YOU
TWO ENTER
INTO HER
DREAMS.

IT'S
WHAT IT
SOUNDS
LIKE.



IT'S THE
SAME
PRINCIPLE
AS WHEN A
MAGE USES
A RITUAL
TO DIVE
INTO THE
ASTRAL
WORLD.

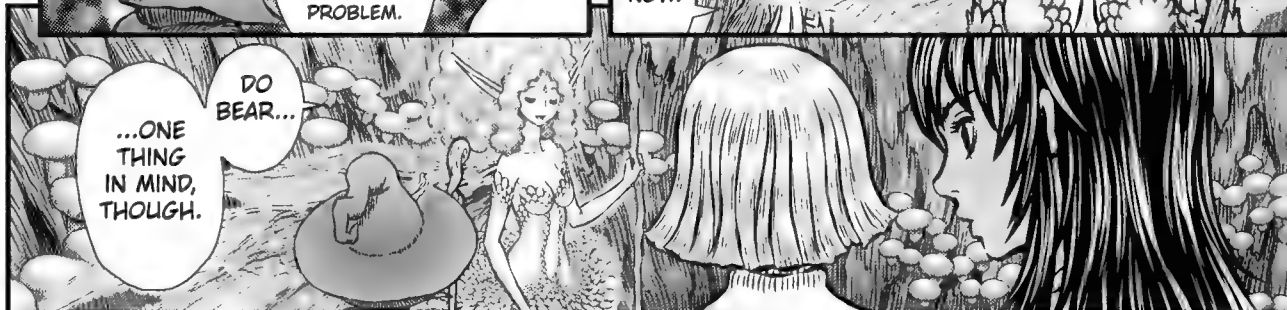
YOU AND I
HAVE LUMINOUS
BODIES, SO
THERE SHOULD
BE NO PROBLEM.



IS THAT
P-POSSIBLE?
I DON'T
THINK
I...

I
SHALL
GUIDE
YOU.

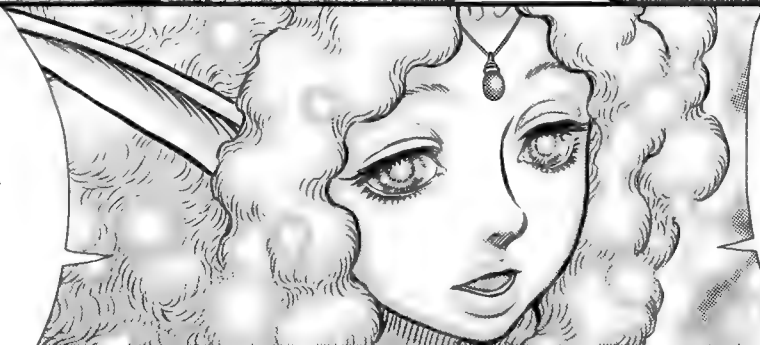
...I
SEE
NOW.



...ONE
THING
IN MIND,
THOUGH.

DO
BEAR...

THE FIRST
THING YOU
MUST DO
IS UNCOVER
THOSE
RULES.



YOU COULD
SAY DREAMS
ARE A PART
OF THE ASTRAL
WORLD, BUT
THE RULES
THEREIN STEM
FROM THE MIND
OF THE
DREAMER.



THESE
LITTLE ONES
HAVE ALL DRAWN
PLENTY OF
SPIRITUAL ENERGY
FROM THE CHERRY
TREE'S ROOTS, AND
WILL LURE YOU
INTO A DREAM
STATE.

THE
RITUAL
WILL TAKE
PLACE
HERE.

I
SUPPOSE
YOU'D CALL
IT THE
MAGIC
MUSHROOM
BED.



LIE
DOWN
WHEREVER
YOU
WISH.

SCHIE-
KE.

YOU
MUST STAY
HERE.

INHALE
THE
SPORES.

...AND
BREATHE
SLOWLY.

RELAX...

A-
CHOO!



THEY'VE
ALL BEEN
STREWN ABOUT.
GO AND WANDER
THE CORRIDOR
OF DREAMS...

...WHERE
SIGNS AND
SYMBOLS
OF THOSE
THINGS ARE
GATHERED.

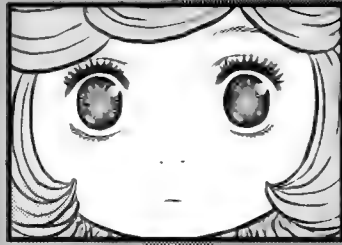
BURIED
FEELINGS.

UNFORGET-
TABLE
MEMORIES...

...NEVER-
THELESS
FORGOTTEN.

AND
NOW,
GO ON
YOUR
WAY.

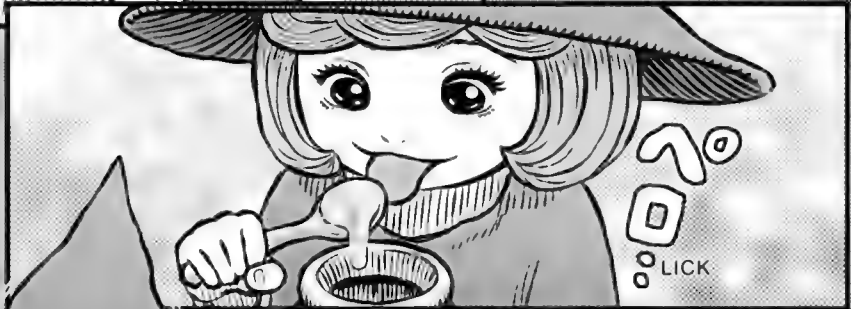
ボヤアア...
DAZE



GLANCE



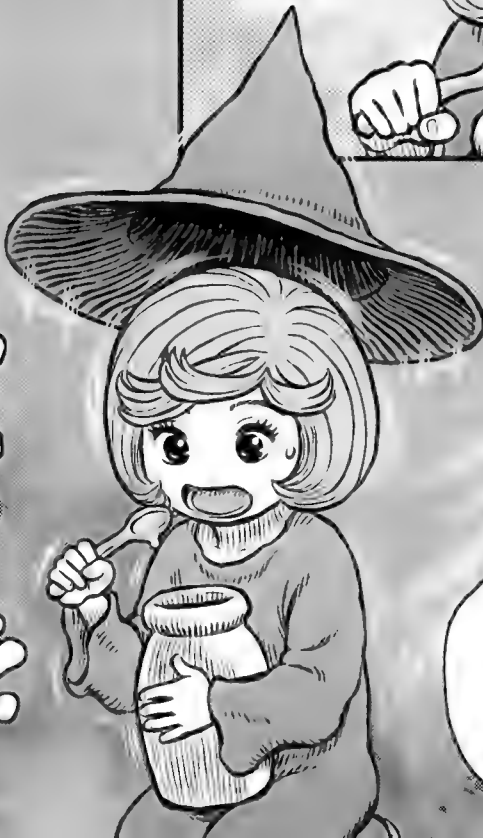
BEAM



LICK

FLINCH

ビクッ



I
SEE
IT.



Top row of comic panels. The left panel shows a witch with a speech bubble saying "I'LL SO TELL ON YA." and another saying "NO MERCY, NO HOLDS BARRED." Below her is a speech bubble saying "DON'T!". The middle panel shows a monkey with a speech bubble saying "...AND GUTS..." and another saying "I'LL TELL ON YA." Below him is a speech bubble saying "I'LL TELL YOUR MIS-TRESS...". The right panel shows the witch with a speech bubble saying "THIS ISN'T ...! UM..." and another saying "NO!". The monkey has a speech bubble saying "YOUR HONEY." and another saying "YOUR SWEET SECRET."

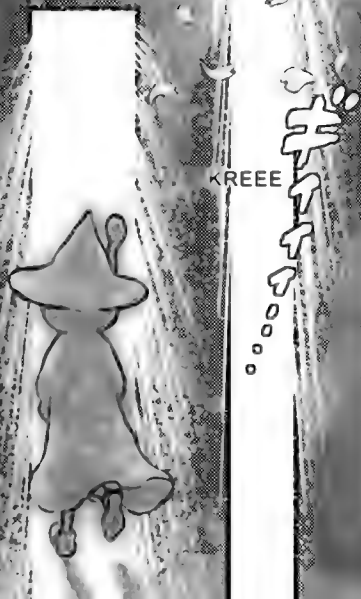
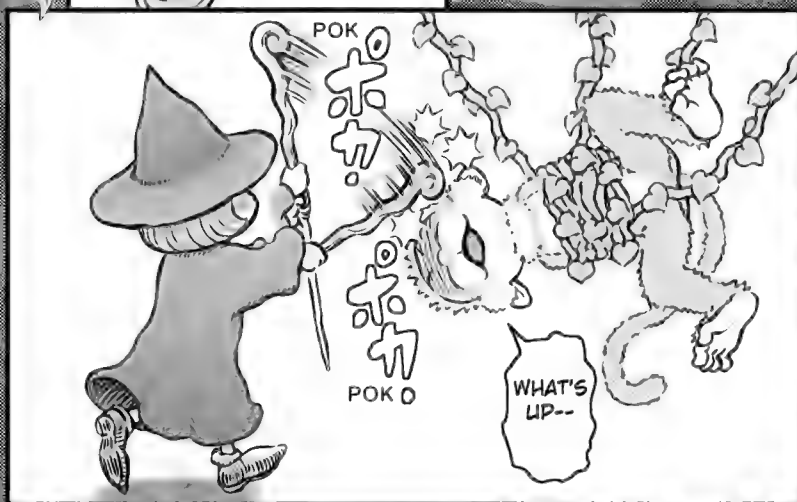
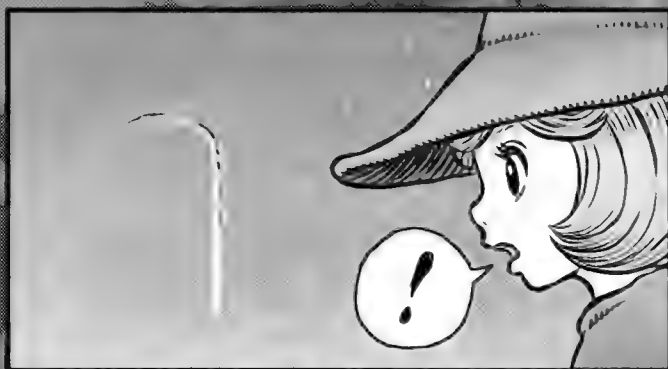
Middle panel showing the witch casting a spell with a wand. She has a speech bubble saying "RAGH!" and another saying "RAGH!". To her right is a speech bubble saying "GOLEM!" and another saying "WHEEL OF FLAME!".

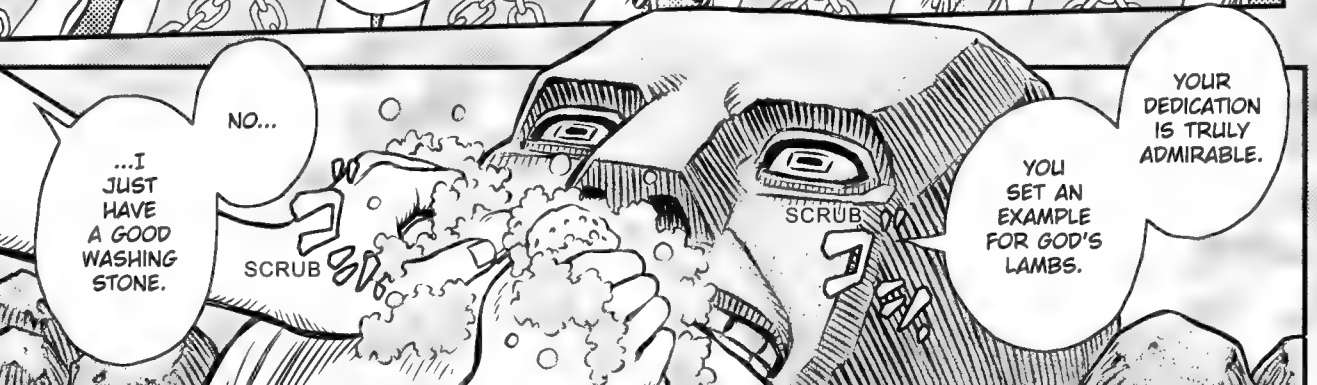
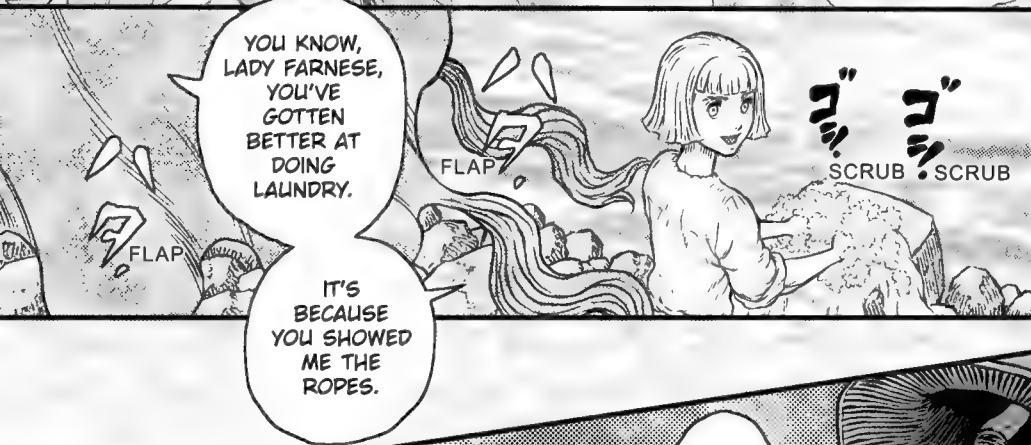
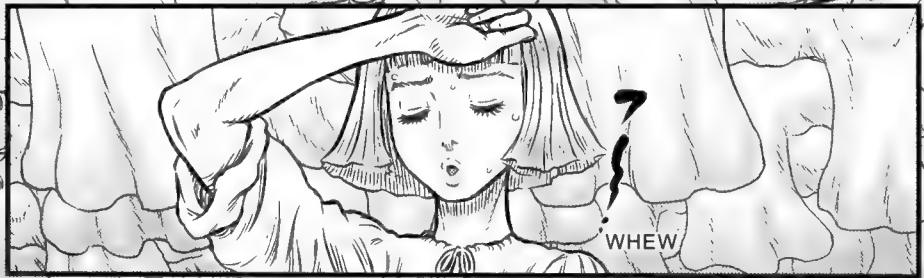
Panel showing a small creature with a large eye. There are sound effects: "TOK TOK", "POOF", "POOF", "POOF", "カラ", "カラ", "CLATA".

Panel showing the witch and monkey in a physical struggle. The witch has a speech bubble saying "AH!". The monkey has a speech bubble saying "DREAM ON." and another saying "SPLAT".

Bottom left panel showing the witch and monkey. The witch has a speech bubble saying "WAHHH!". The monkey has a speech bubble saying "WAHHH!" and another saying "LICK".

Bottom right panel showing the witch and monkey. The witch has a speech bubble saying "WAHHH!". The monkey has a speech bubble saying "PUT THE SQUEEZE ON YA WITH MY TAIL." and another saying "OOKA".







I'M
IN YOUR
HANDS.

THAT
JUST LEAVES
YOU, GUTS.



OH,
LORD
!!

DON'T
PRAY!
YOUR
HANDS ARE
CLOSED.

I CAN'T
WASH YOU
WELL IF YOU
DON'T HOLD
STILL.

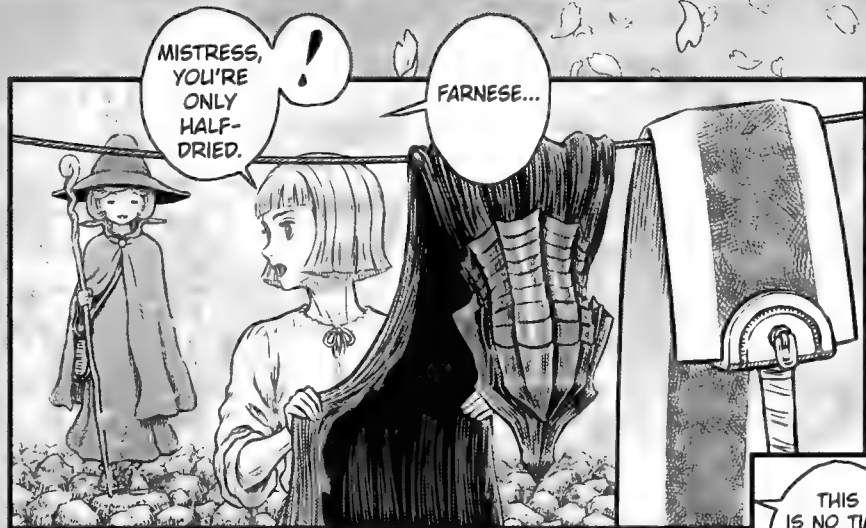
UM...



UM...
DOES
THAT FEEL
GOOD?

YEAH!

KRUNCH



MISTRESS,
YOU'RE
ONLY
HALF-
DRIED.

FARNESE...



NOW...

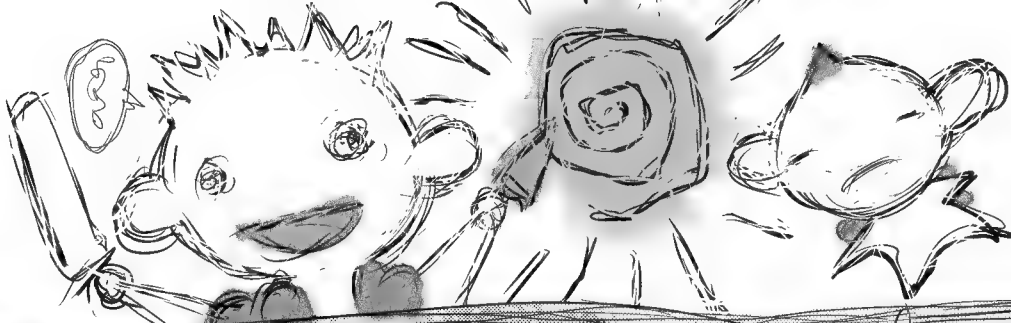
...LET'S
GO...

...TO
CASCA'S
DREAM.



THIS
IS NO TIME
FOR DOING
SUCH
THINGS.

EH?



!?
IS THIS...

...ME ?!

THIS IS CASCA'S ...?

...WITHIN HER SHALLOW CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS IS A TYPICAL DREAM OF HERS...

WE'LL HAVE TO DIVE DEEPER.
THERE!

THOSE ARE DANANN'S GUIDANCE.

WHAT ARE THOSE PETALS?

IF WE FOLLOW THEM...

...THEN SURELY...

コナ
HONNNN





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うすくらがり
薄闇の荒野

DIMLY LIT
WASTELAND





A
WASTELAND
DIMLY
ILLUMINAT-
ED...

THIS...

...BY
A
BLACK
SUN...

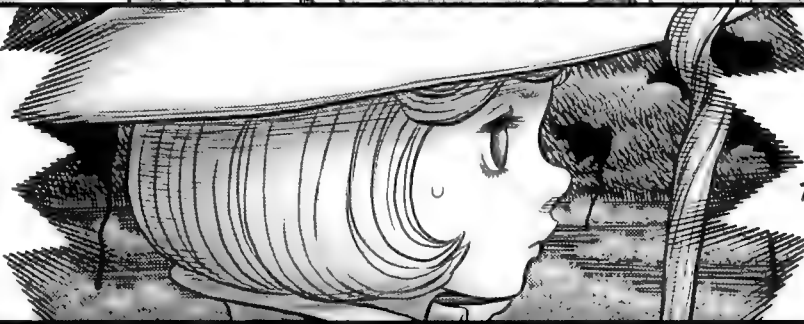
...IS
THE
WORLD
OF
CASCA'S
DEPTHS.



...DESOLATE
SCENE.

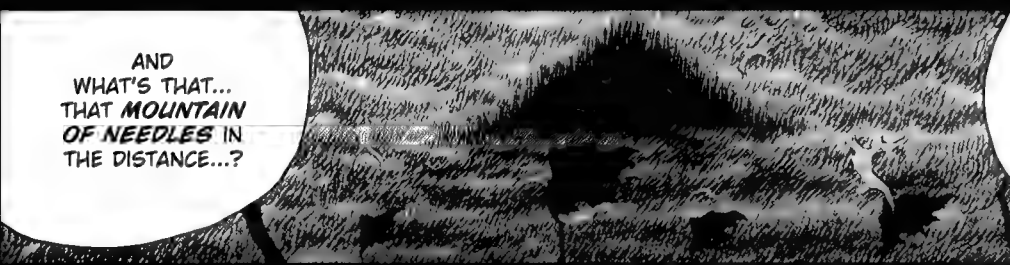


WHAT
AN
EERIE,
SAVAGE...



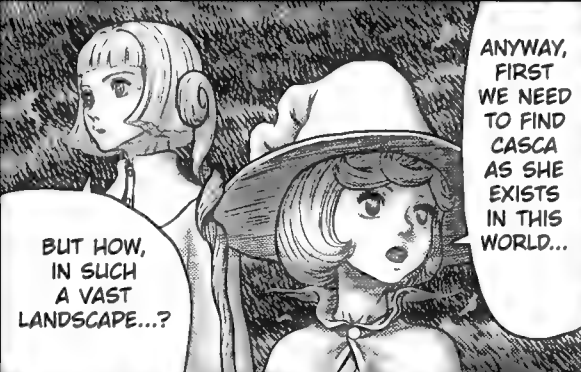
...FOR
ONE'S
PSYCHE TO
RESEMBLE
SUCH A
LANDSCAPE
...?

WHAT
MUST
HAVE
TRANSPIRED...



AND
WHAT'S THAT...
THAT **MOUNTAIN
OF NEEDLES** IN
THE DISTANCE...?

WHAT ARE ALL
THESE FLAGLIKE
THINGS PLANTED
ABOUT?

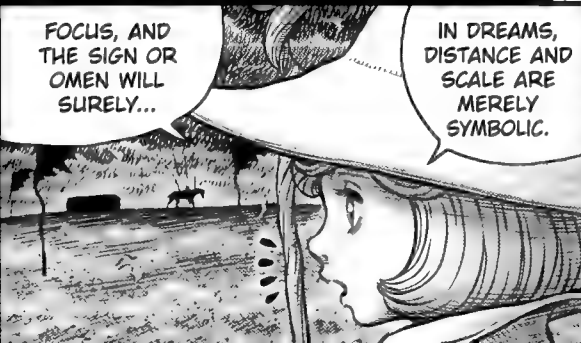


BUT HOW,
IN SUCH
A VAST
LANDSCAPE...?

ANYWAY,
FIRST
WE NEED
TO FIND
CASCA
AS SHE
EXISTS
IN THIS
WORLD...

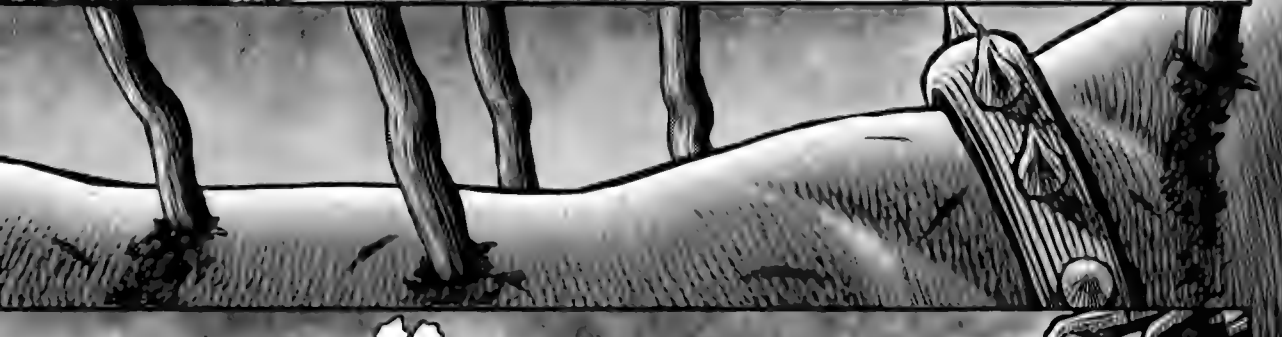
...RIGHT.

...FOR NOW,
I DO NOT KNOW.
BUT DETERMINING
THEIR MEANING IS
THE VERY GOAL OF
THIS JOURNEY.



FOCUS, AND
THE SIGN OR
OMEN WILL
SURELY...

IN DREAMS,
DISTANCE AND
SCALE ARE
MERELY
SYMBOLIC.



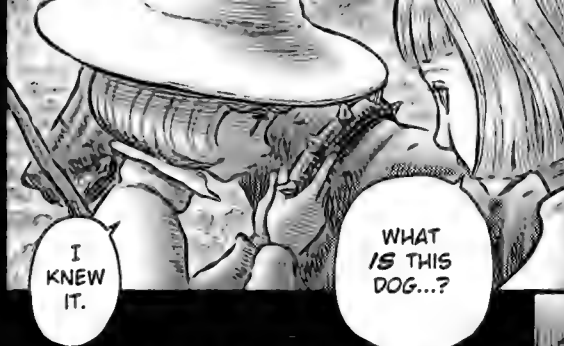






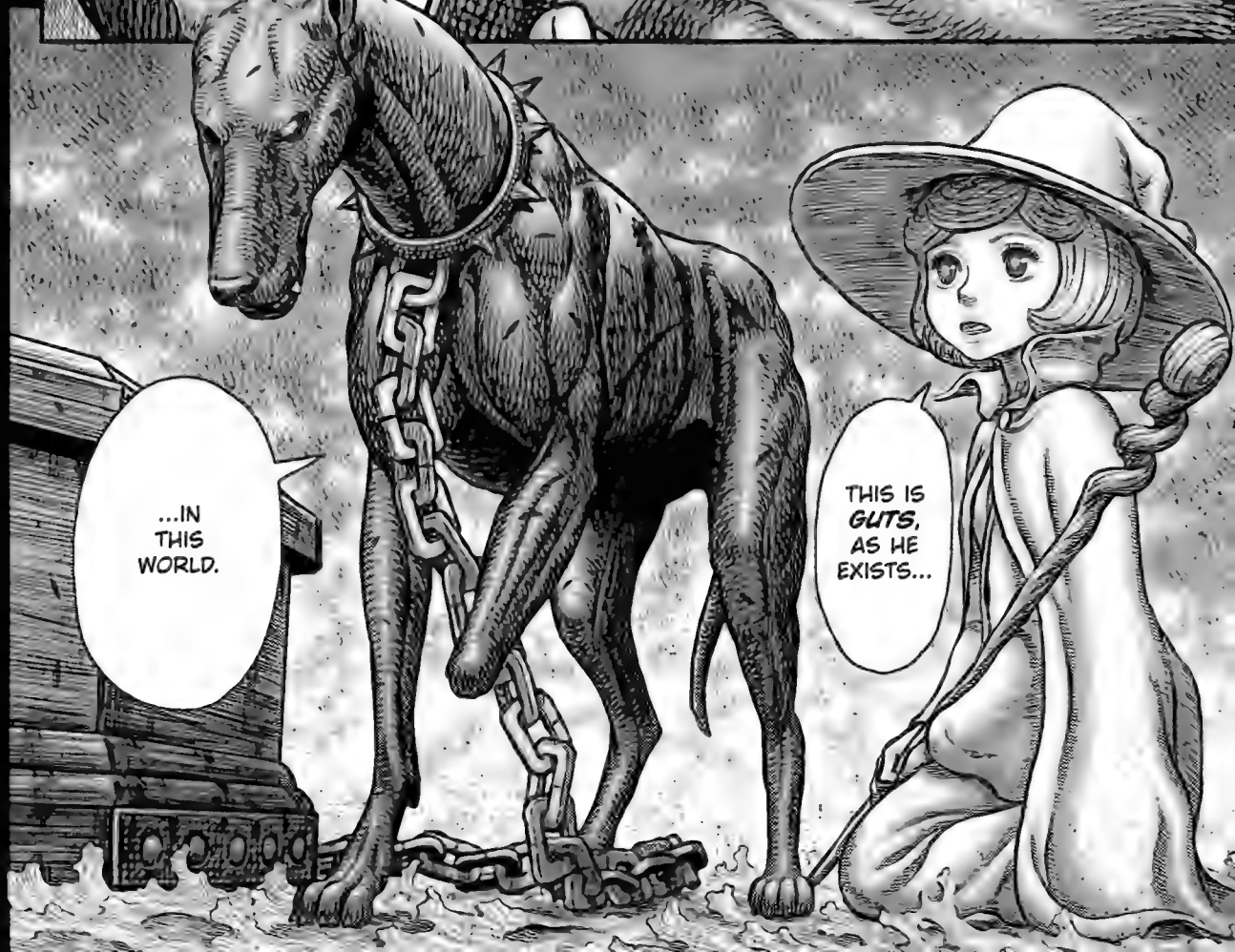
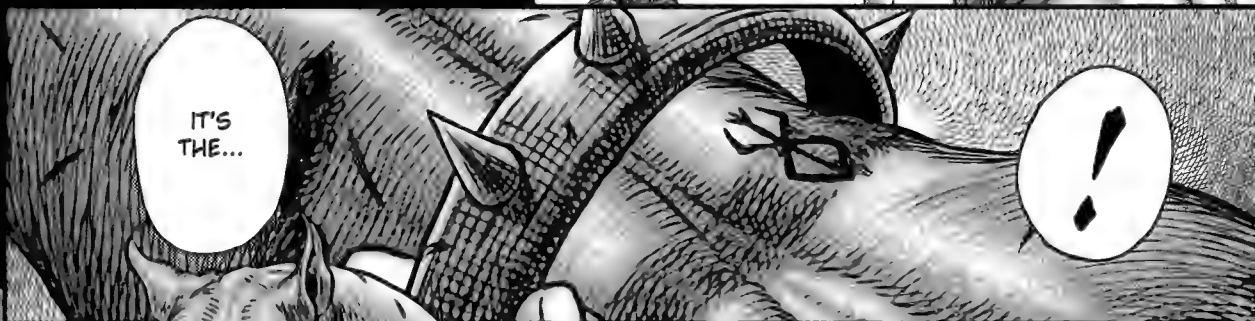






HE SEEMS TO REALIZE WE ARE NOT ENEMIES.

IS IT OKAY?





HE'S COVERED IN WOUNDS.

AND THE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE IS THE BRAND ON HIS NECK.

ALL THE SIGNS MATCH.

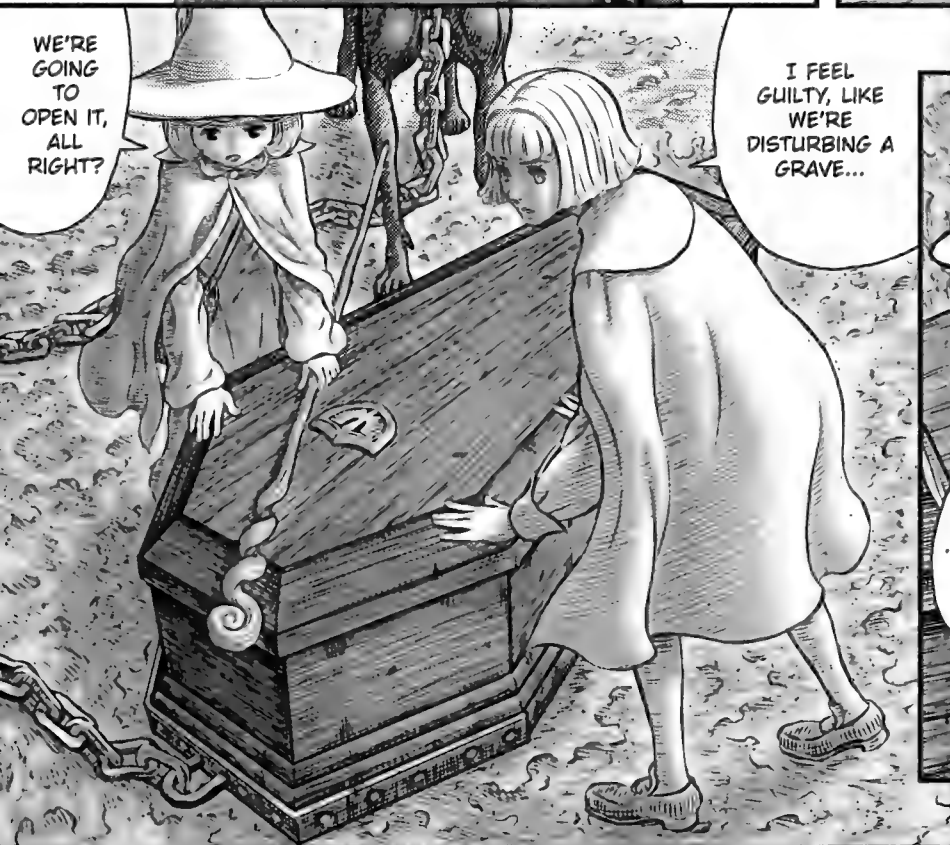
HE'S LOST HIS LEFT FORELEG.



AND THIS IS A DREAM.

...HE'S ...A DOG.

BUT...



WE'RE GOING TO OPEN IT, ALL RIGHT?

I FEEL GUILTY, LIKE WE'RE DISTURBING A GRAVE...



WHICH...

...MEANS...



IGH!

I'M SORRY. IT'S NECESSARY.

WOOF



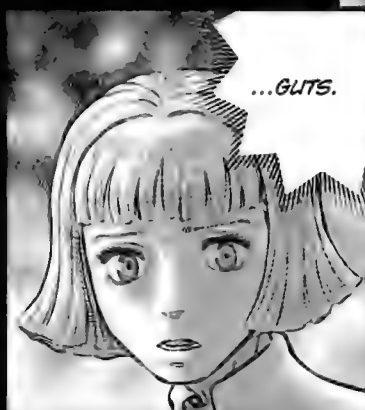
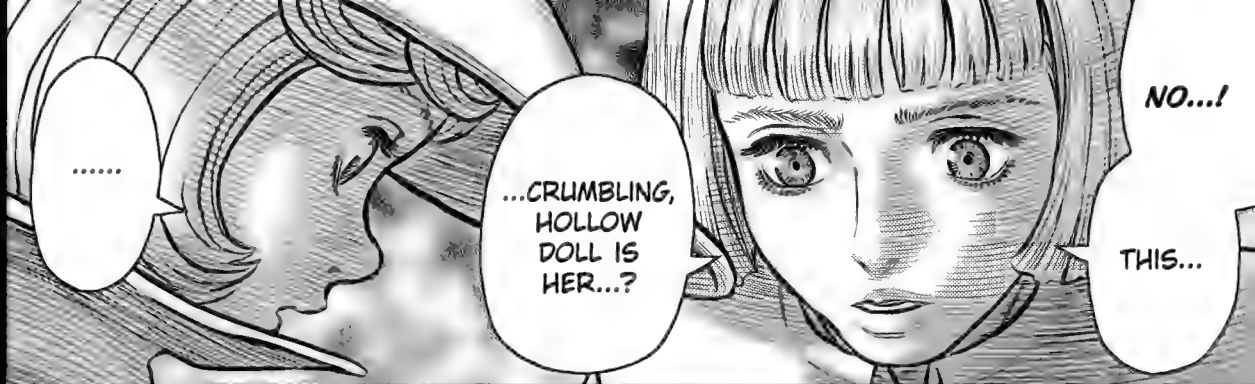
...DOLL?

A
BRO-
KEN...



I'M
SURE
OF IT.

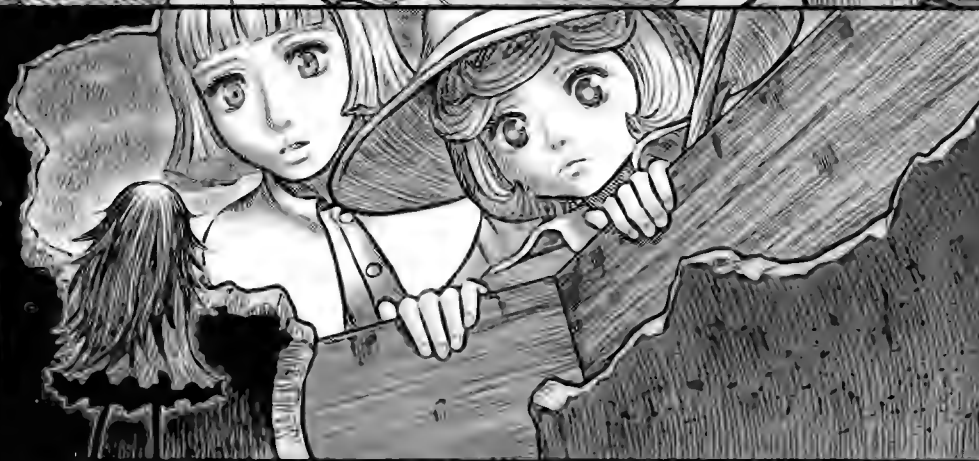
THIS
IS
CASCA.





A TINY
PERSON?

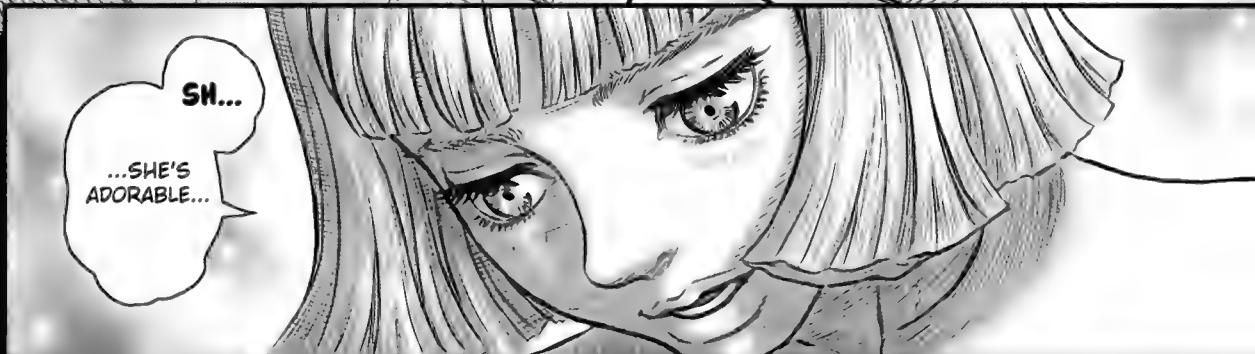
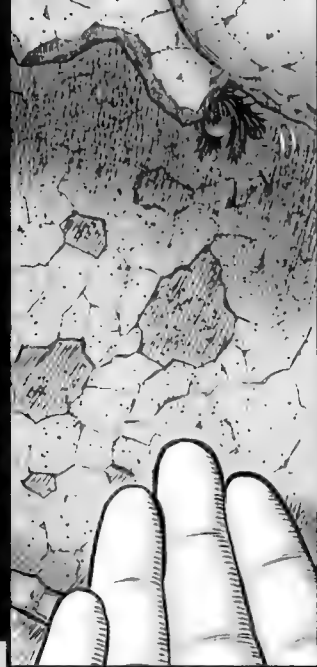
SHE'S
EVEN
SMALLER
THAN PUCK
OR
IVALERA...

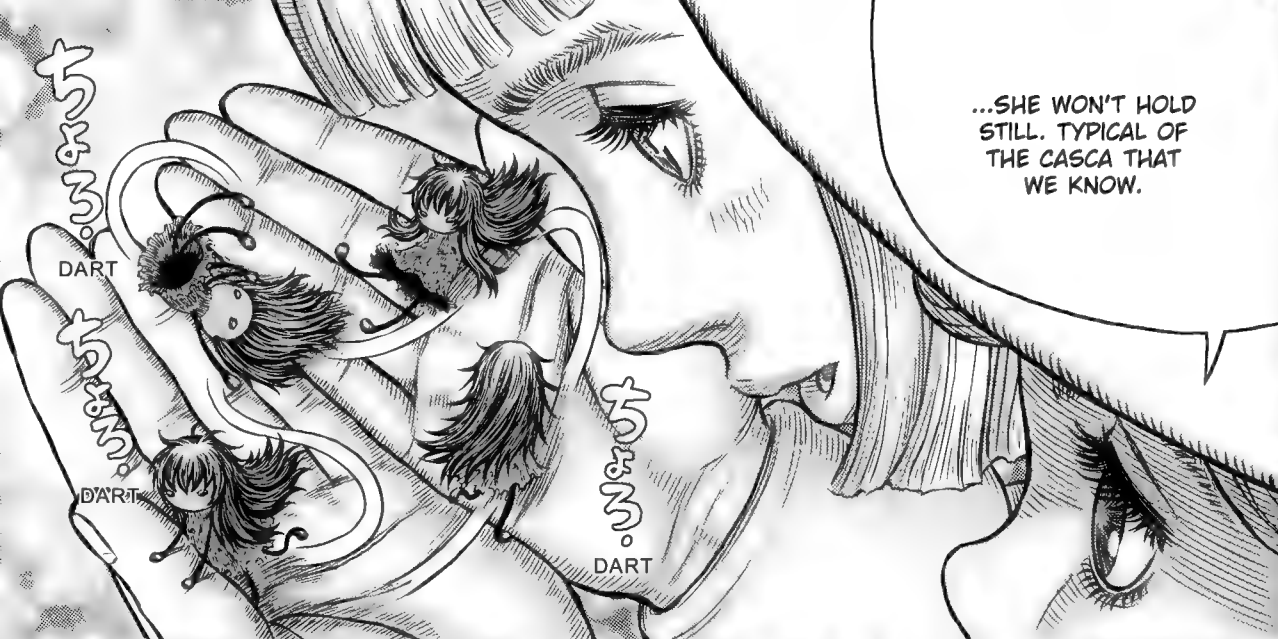


SO TO
SPEAK.

SHE'S
PROBABLY A
FRAGMENT
OF CASCA'S
SELF...







...SHE WON'T HOLD STILL. TYPICAL OF THE CASCA THAT WE KNOW.



WE CAN'T AFFORD FOR THE WIND TO CARRY HER OFF. LET'S PUT HER BACK.

WERE THIS LITTLE CASCA SEPARATED FROM THE DOLL HERE IN HER MIND, IT COULD AFFECT HER IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD.

TH- THAT'S TRUE.



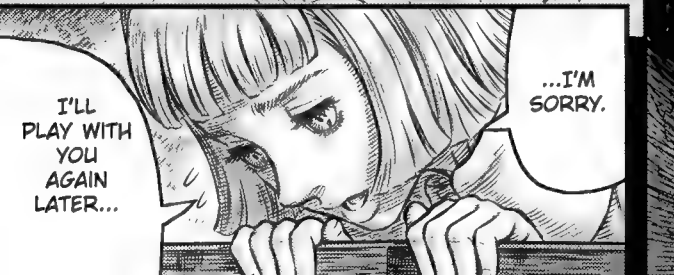
WHSSSSS



...WATCH OUT.



HOP HOP



I'LL PLAY WITH YOU AGAIN LATER...

...I'M SORRY.



...JUST SIT TIGHT NOW.

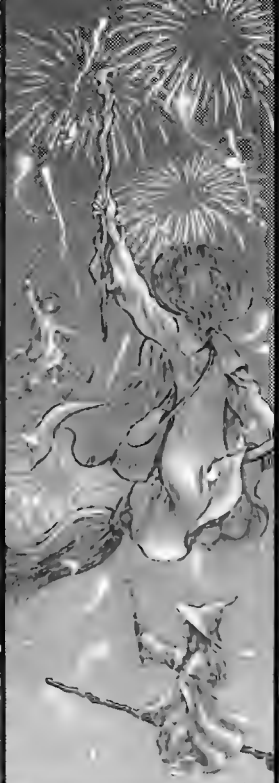




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夢の回廊

THE CORRIDOR
OF DREAMS



WELL,
WELL...
WHAT
A
SURPRISE
THIS
IS.

WHEN
YOU
HOLD A
BANQUET...

...THERE'S
NO WAY
THE ELVES
WILL
JUST SIT
STILL.



AND WITH MY
SALAMANDER
DAGGER...
**I FINISH IT
OFF!**

I RUN THROUGH
THE LINE OF DEAD
SPIRITS, THEN
SHWOP!

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THE LINE OF DEAD
SPIRITS, THEN
SHWOP!

WASH AWAY THE WEARINESS OF TRAVEL, AND MAYBE SOME SCALES, OR EXTRACT...

HEY, WANT TO COME TAKE A BATH? IT'S FULL OF HERBS. ♡

NNNN, THA'S RIGHT.

OH, THERE WENT NUN UNPIES.

SNEE?

YOU'RE A MERROW?!

ドタン!

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ドタン!

WHY AM I WAITING TABLES ...?

WORK.

WORK.

SOMEHOW I FIT RIGHT IN WITH YOU FELLOWS.

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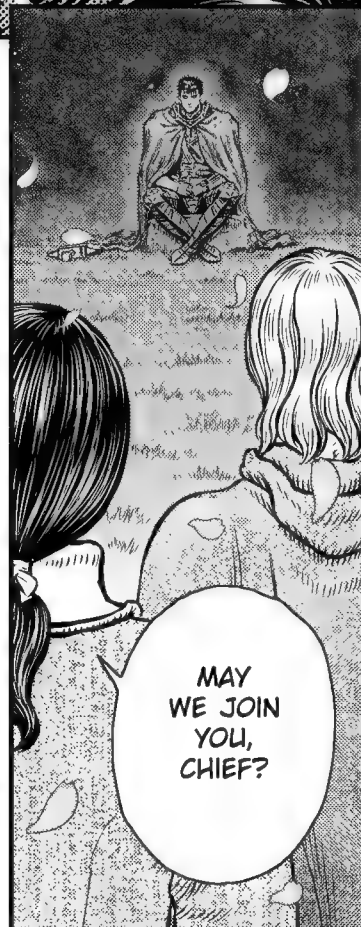
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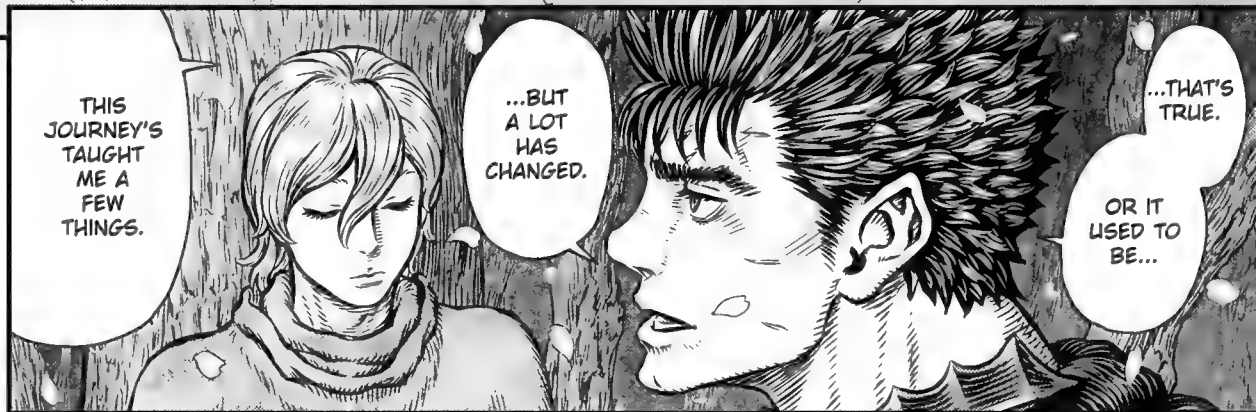


I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL...

...BUT AT THIS POINT, ALL YOU CAN DO IS LEAVE IT TO OTHERS.

ISN'T THAT WHAT OUR VOYAGE... WHAT YOUR WHOLE JOURNEY WAS FOR?

BUT THEN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO LIKE DOING THAT.

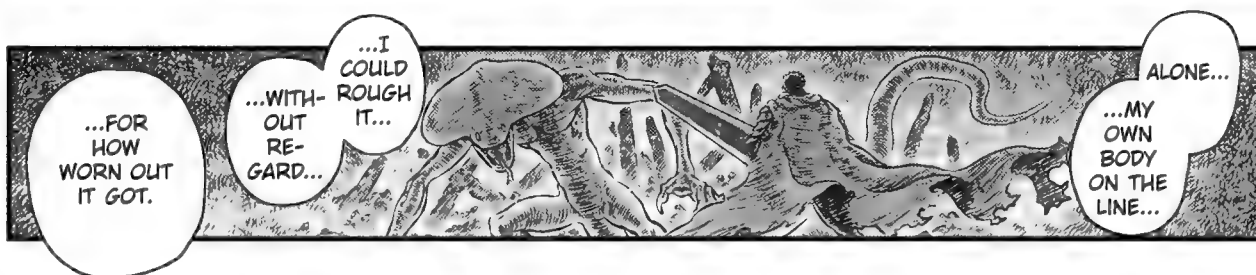


THIS JOURNEY'S TAUGHT ME A FEW THINGS.

...BUT A LOT HAS CHANGED.

...THAT'S TRUE.

OR IT USED TO BE...



...FOR HOW WORN OUT IT GOT.

...WITH-OUT RE-GARD...

...I COULD ROUGH IT...

...MY OWN BODY ON THE LINE...

ALONE...



...AND I COULD NO LONGER HANDLE IT ALL ON MY OWN.

I COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO DIE...

...MY SWORD GREW HEAVY.

BUT WITH THE TWO OF US...



...AND HAVE PUSHED ONWARD.

...ACCEPTED HELP FROM OTHERS...

I SET ASIDE MY OWN WAYS...



I'D
LIKE TO
THANK
YOU.



...CONCERN-
ING MY
EXPERIENCE...

...WELL,
I CAN
SPEAK
SIMILARLY...

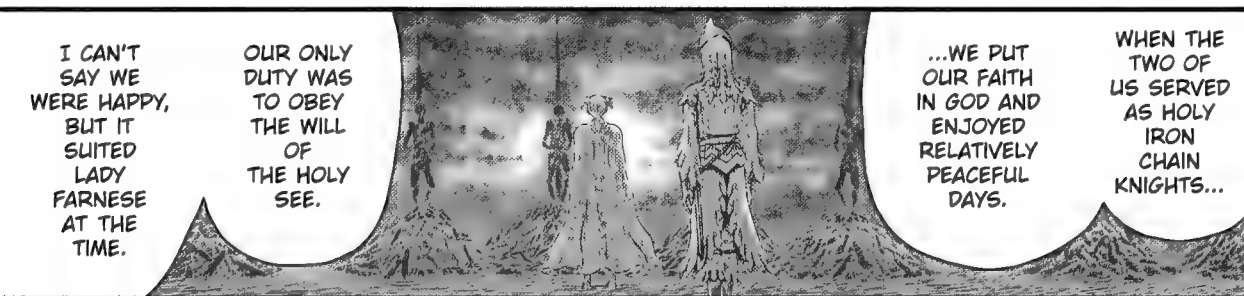
...ON
THIS
JOURNEY.



TO HEAR SUCH
COMMENDABLE
WORDS FROM
YOU...

COULD
BE...

ARE YOU
DRUNK
ALREADY?



I CAN'T
SAY WE
WERE HAPPY,
BUT IT
SUITED
LADY
FARNESE
AT THE
TIME.

OUR ONLY
DUTY WAS
TO OBEY
THE WILL
OF THE HOLY
SEE.

...WE PUT
OUR FAITH
IN GOD AND
ENJOYED
RELATIVELY
PEACEFUL
DAYS.

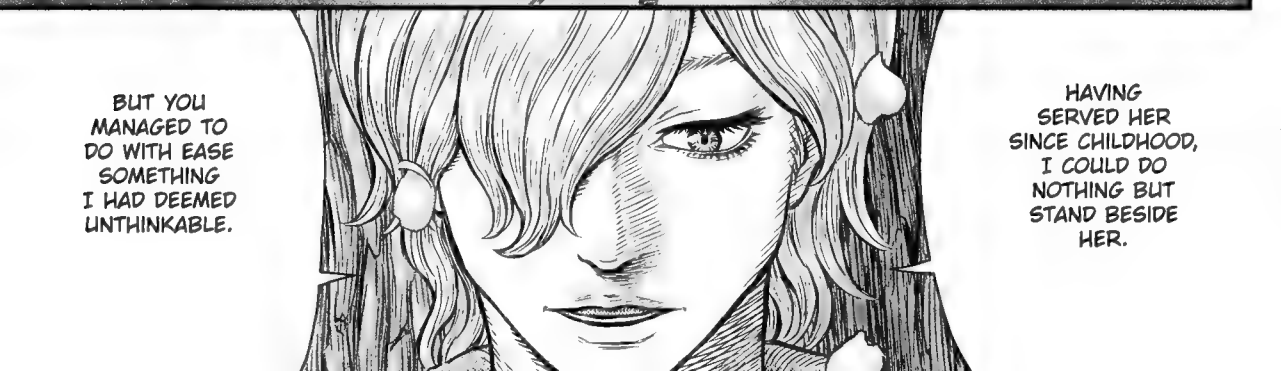
WHEN THE
TWO OF
US SERVED
AS HOLY
IRON
CHAIN
KNIGHTS...



HAVING
LOST HER FAITH,
LADY FARNESE
BECAME **OBSESSED**
WITH YOU--
THE DESTRUCTIVE
SPARK.

...OUR
ENCOUNTER WITH
YOU LITERALLY
REDUCED IT ALL
TO ASHES.

BUT
THEN...



BUT YOU
MANAGED TO
DO WITH EASE
SOMETHING
I HAD DEEMED
UNTHINKABLE.

HAVING
SERVED HER
SINCE CHILDHOOD,
I COULD DO
NOTHING BUT
STAND BESIDE
HER.



YOU
BREATHED
LIFE...

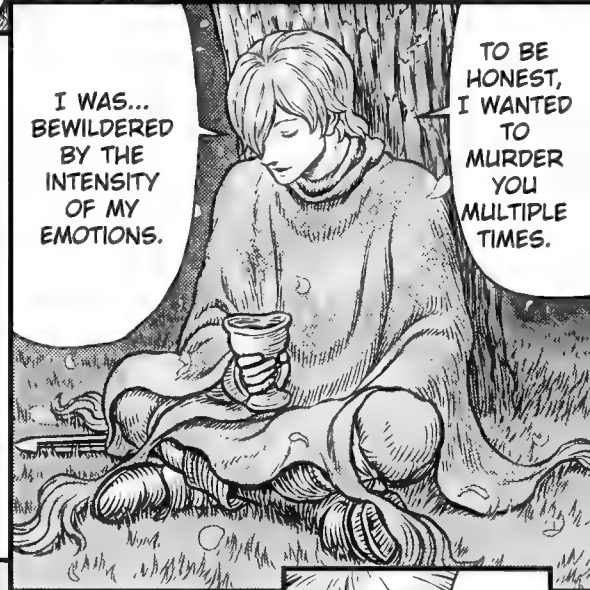
...INTO
LADY
FARNESE.



...I WAS
HAPPY...
AND PROUD
OF LADY
FARNESE...

NONE-
THE-
LESS...

...WHO
WAS
LEARNING
TO
STAND
ON HER
OWN.



I WAS...
BEWILDERED
BY THE
INTENSITY
OF MY
EMOTIONS.

TO BE
HONEST,
I WANTED
TO
MURDER
YOU
MULTIPLE
TIMES.



...LADY
FARNESE
HAS
GROWN
STRONG.

THAT
A PERSON
WITH
SOMEONE
TO PROTECT
WILL RISE
TO THE
TASK.



THEN...

I...
REALIZED...

THAT
CASCA
IS THE
REASON...



SO
LET'S
HAVE
PATIENCE...

NOWADAYS,
IT'S AS IF
SHE WERE
DEVOTEDLY
WATCHING
OVER HER
OWN LITTLE
SISTER.

...AND
TRUST
IN
THEIR
BOND.



GROWN
MEN RISKING
LIFE AND
LIMB ON
THE HIGH
SEAS, ALL
FOR A
WOMAN'S
SAKE...

BUT,
WHY
NOT?

IT'S
ALL SO
APPEAL-
ING TO
ME.



...I'VE COME
TO TRUST
MY COMPANY
ENOUGH TO
SPEAK MY
FEELINGS.

...AS
FOR
ME...

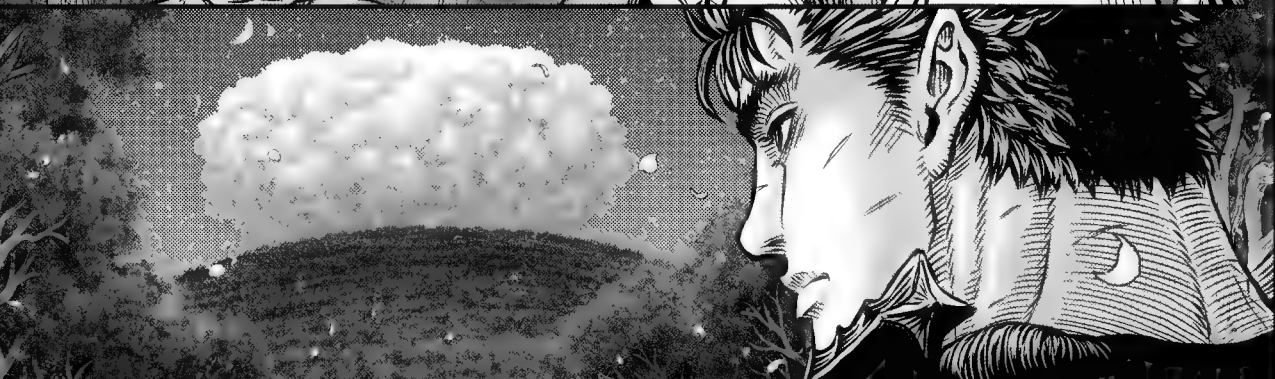
FEELINGS,
MURDER...
DANGER-
OUS
STUFF.

YOU
MIGHT
BE
DRUNK.



CAPTAIN,
YOU
ARE
DRUNK.

WHEN
I MEET MY
END, I WANT
TO DROWN
IN THE SEA,
IN WINE,
OR IN
WOMEN.





WHRRRLULL

...YOUR
WISH
WILL BE
HER
WISH.

AND
MORE
THAN
ANY-
THING...

...THERE'S
NO
GUARAN-
TEE...



...ALTHOUGH
I THINK
WE'RE ABOUT
DUE FOR
SOME
OMEN...

TIME AND
DISTANCE
ARE
AMBIGUOUS
HERE.

AGAINST
THE WIND
NO LESS...

WHERE
ARE
THESE
PETALS
LEADING
US?

WE'VE
WALKED
QUITE
A
WAYS...



MISTRESS,
WHAT'S
THAT...?

POKT



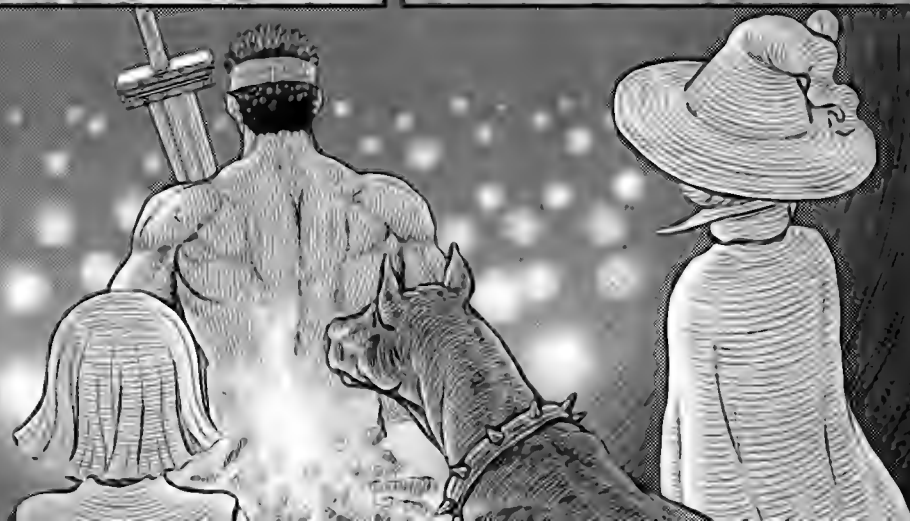
...WHAT
COULD
IT
MEAN?

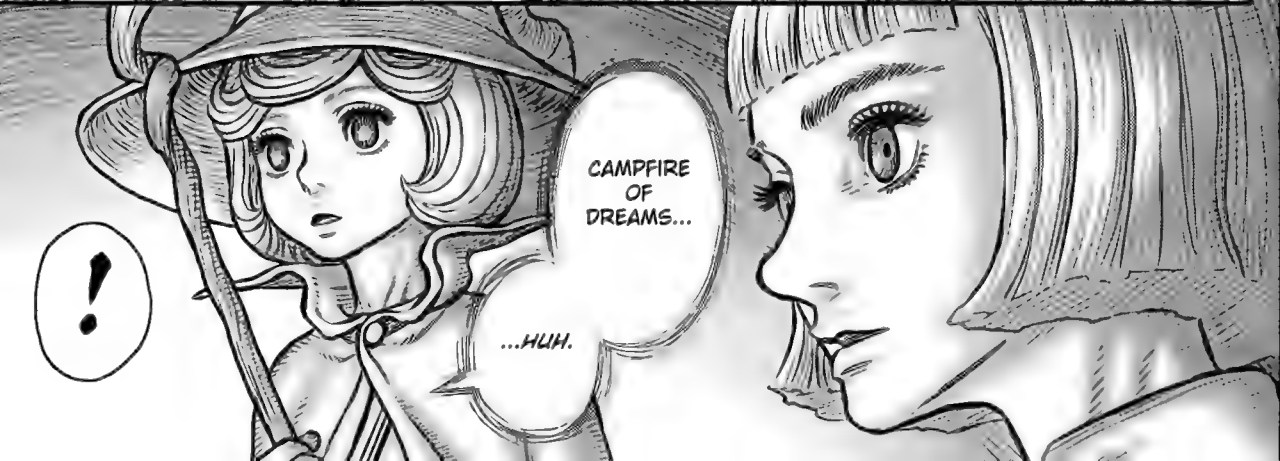
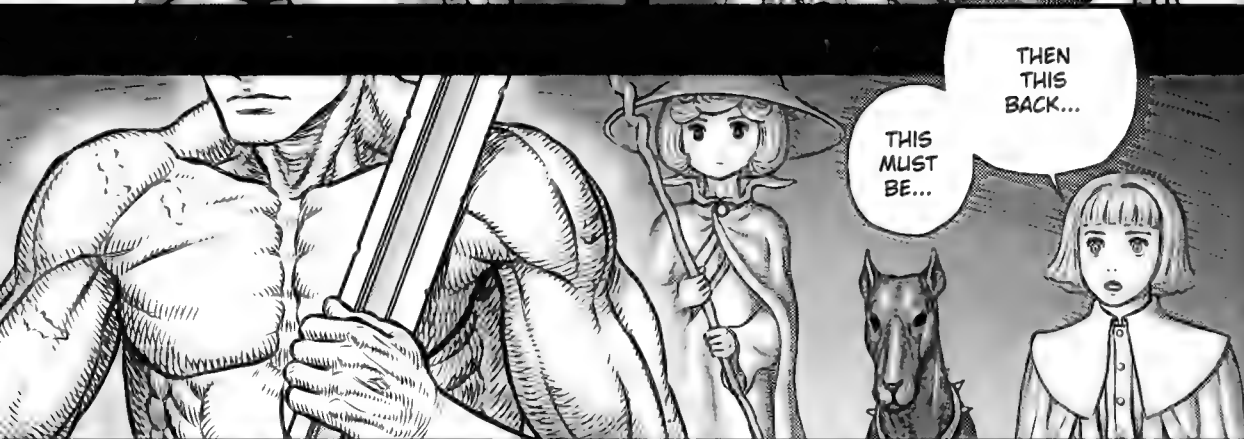
WHEWWW...
IT'S WARM...
LET'S REST
A BIT
BEFORE WE
GO ON.



IT'S...

A
CAMP-
FIRE?

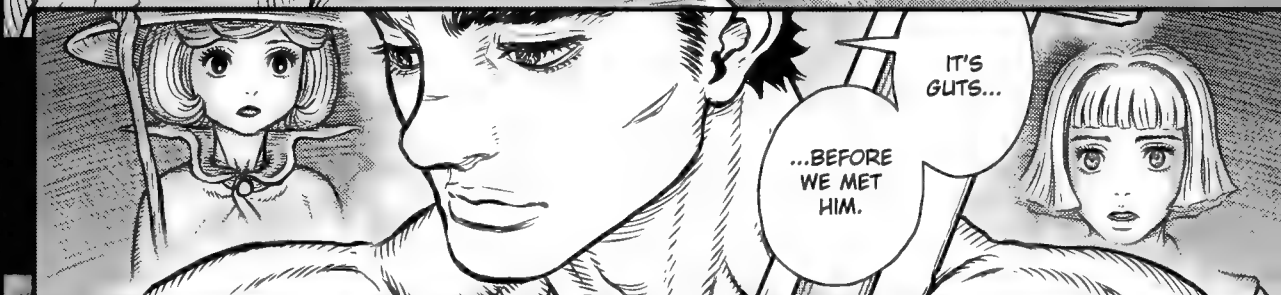






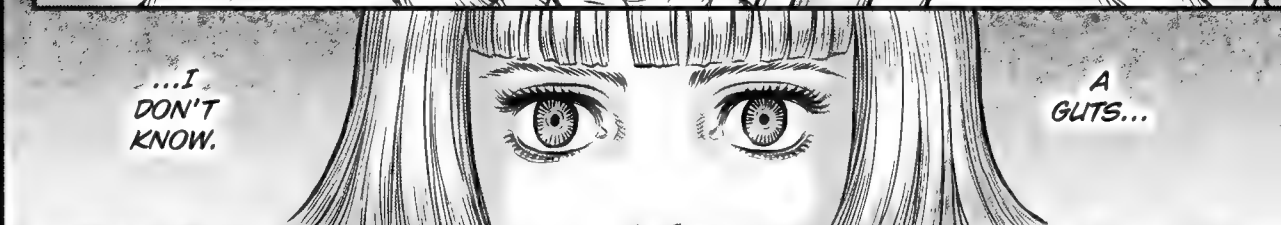
YOU
SOUND
LIKE
SOME
PRINCESS.

YOU
SMOOTH
TALKER.



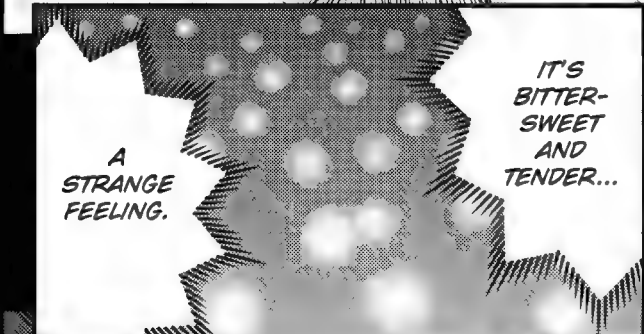
IT'S
GUTS...

...BEFORE
WE MET
HIM.



...I
DON'T
KNOW.

A
GUTS...



A
STRANGE
FEELING.

IT'S
BITTER-
SWEET
AND
TENDER...



A
FEELING'S
COMING
THROUGH.

IT'S
WHAT
CASCA FELT
AT THE
TIME.



WHAT'S
THIS?

CLACK

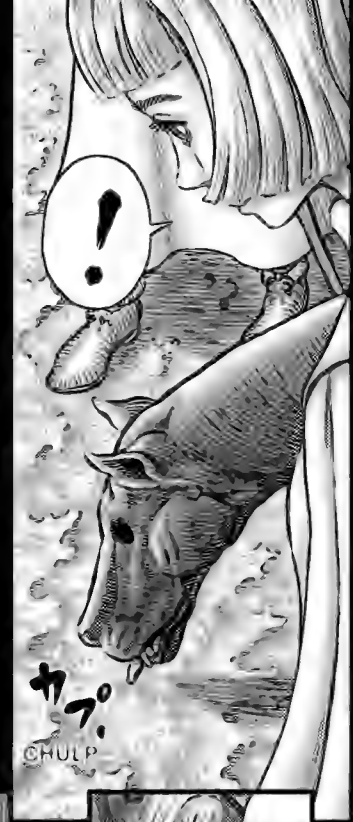
BUT...

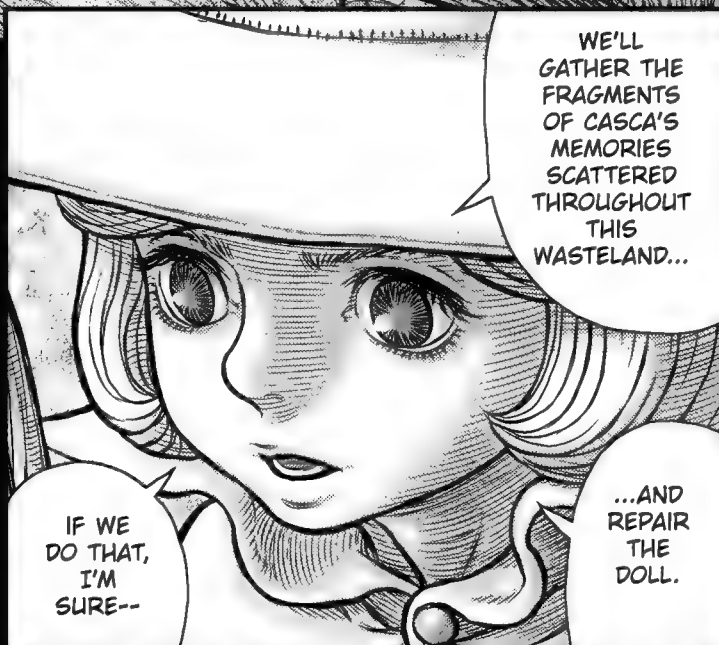
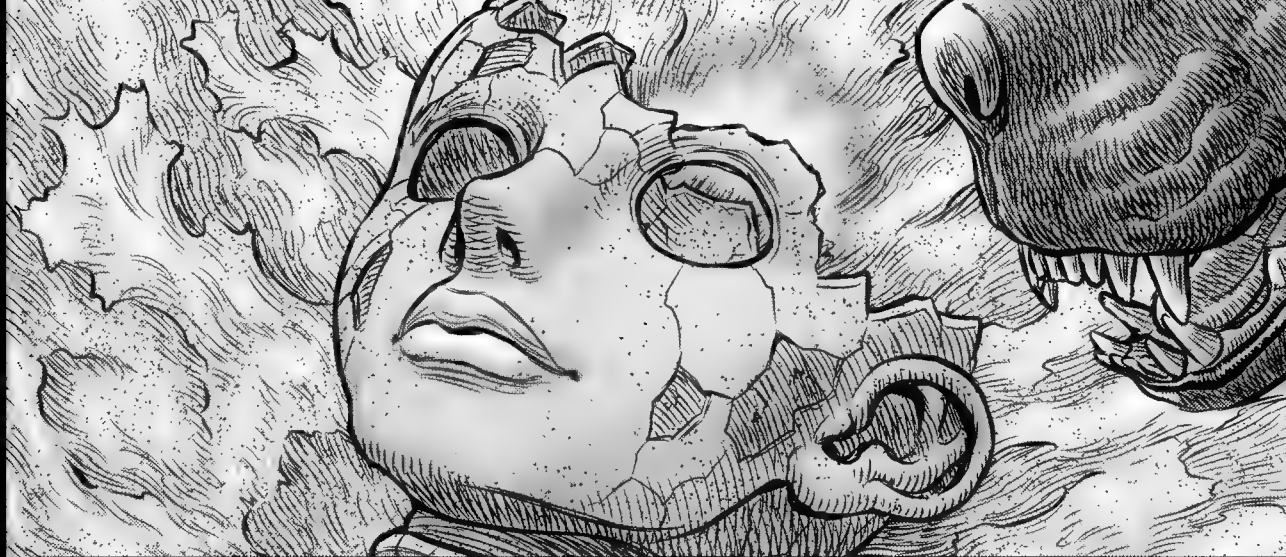
CAN
IT.

...YOU'RE
RIGHT.

YOU COULD
SCATTER
THEM JUST
BY BLOWING,
SO ALL
THOSE LITTLE
FLAMES...

THROW...





WE'LL
GATHER THE
FRAGMENTS OF
CASCA'S
MEMORIES
SCATTERED
THROUGHOUT
THIS
WASTELAND...

IF WE
DO THAT,
I'M
SURE--

...AND
REPAIR
THE
DOLL.



THIS
MUST BE
THE RULE
OF THIS
WORLD.

THE DOLL
WAS
RESTORED
...?



ROWF



THEY
MUST INTEND
TO HINDER US.

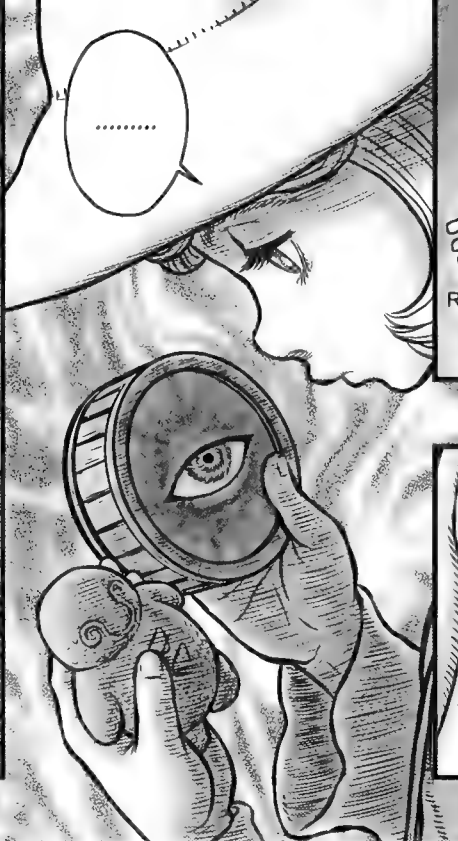
SO
MANY
THIS
TIME...

IT'S
THOSE
SHADOWY
THINGS
AGAIN...!



WHAT ARE THEY?

...I MUST HAVE BROUGHT THEM FROM MY DREAM.

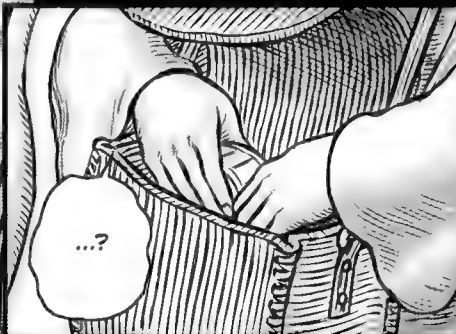


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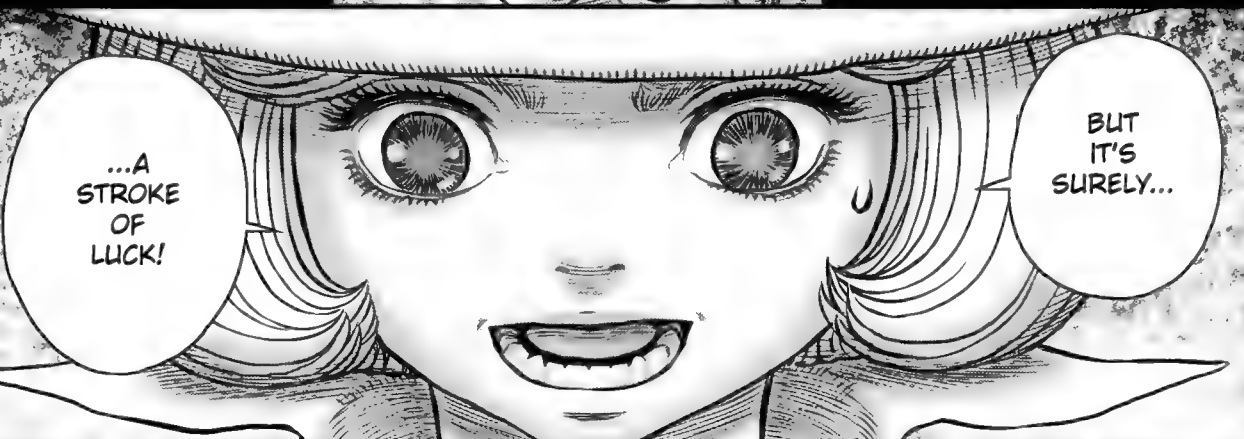


RUMMAGE

WE'LL FIGHT THEM OFF!

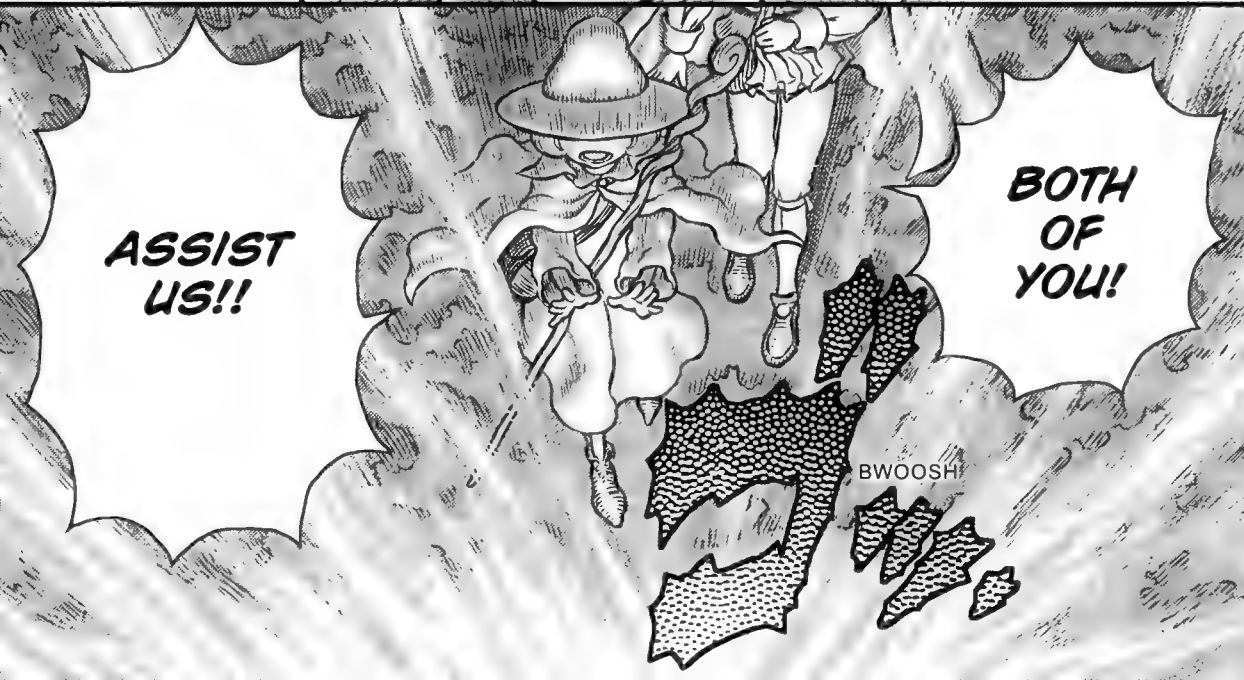


...?



...A STROKE OF LUCK!

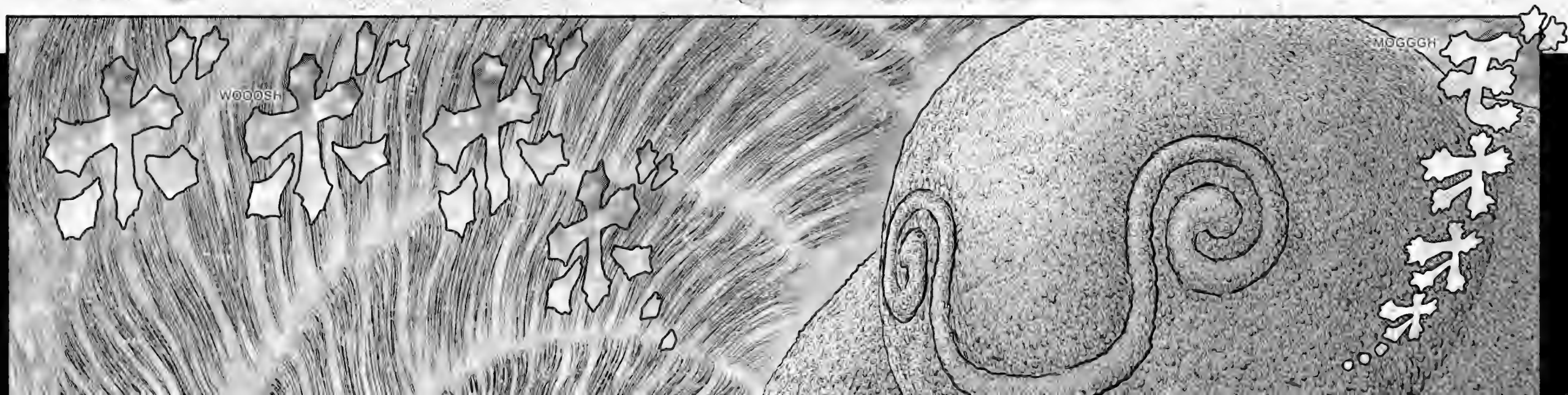
BUT IT'S SURELY...



ASSIST US!!

BOTH OF YOU!

BWOOSH







B E R S E R K

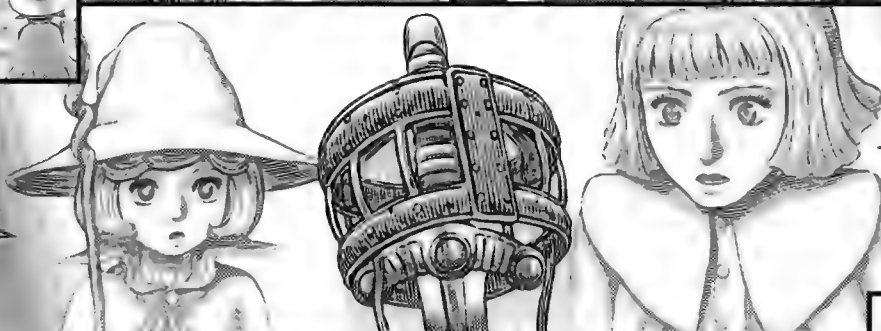
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FRAGMENTS OF
MEMORY



MISTRESS,
LOOK AT
THAT!



SO
IT
SEEMS.

A
SWORD
AND...

...A
HELMET?



ツ
TOK



...A
BOY?

WHOM
MIGHT
HE
BE?

FWOM



IS
THIS GUTS
IN HIS
YOUTH?



THEY'RE
FIGHT-
ING...

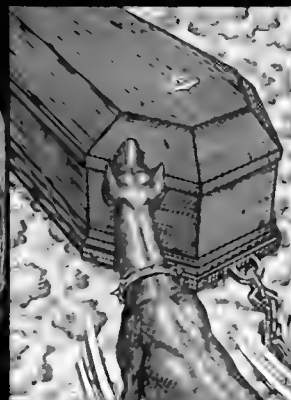
WHY?

I CAN
SENSE CASCA'S
FIERCE FIGHTING
SPIRIT.



I'M
DEAD
...!

DO
YOU
SUPPOSE
THOSE
TWO
WERE...
...EN-
EMIES?



FLAP

WHAT'S THIS ...?

A FLAG...
A MILITARY FLAG.

TOK

RAHHHHHH

CASCA WAS A SOLDIER, AFTER ALL.

A BATTLE ...?!

CASCA FEELS DISGUSTED.

U WHAT IS HE? U A SHARK KNIGHT?

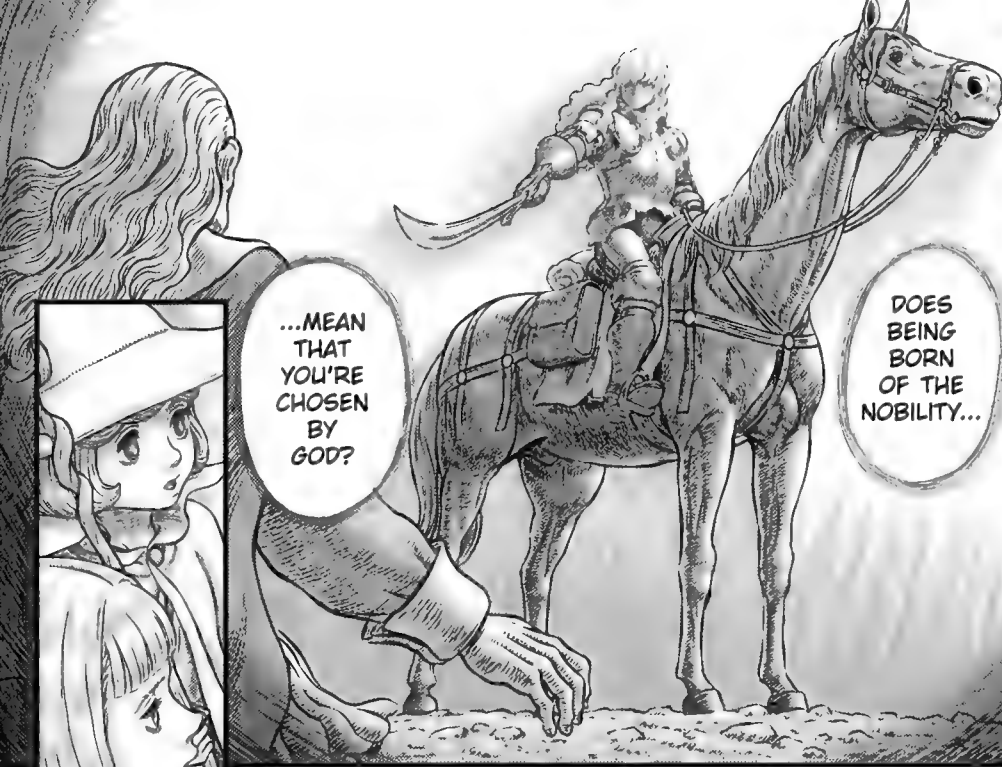
KWOP

HONGEN !!

ROHHHHHH

...AND SATISFACTION AND EXALTATION AT COMPLETING HER DUTY.

A SENSE OF UNITY WITH HER COMRADES...



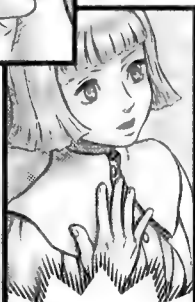
...MEAN
THAT
YOU'RE
CHOSEN
BY
GOD?

DOES
BEING
BORN
OF THE
NOBILITY...



NOT
THE
SAME
ONE.

A
SWORD
AGAIN.



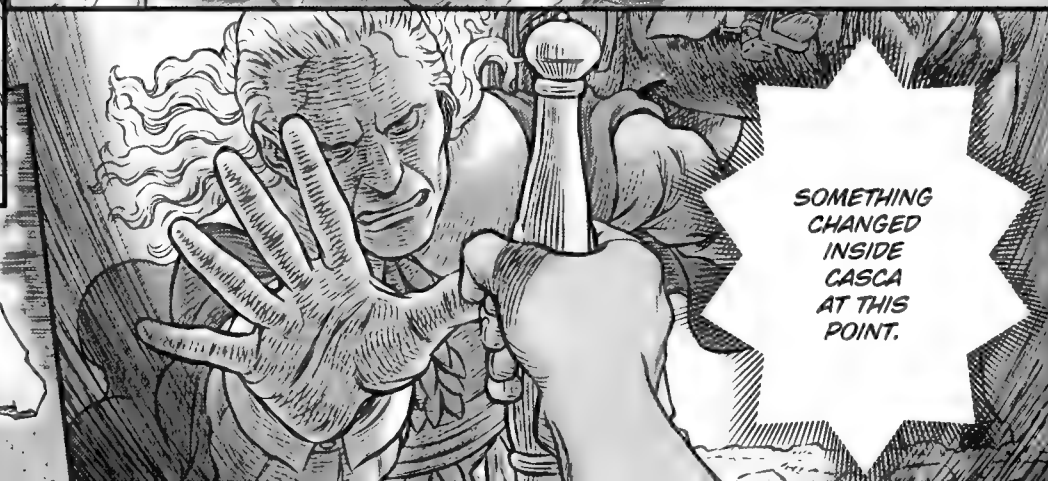
IT FEELS
LIKE A BLOW
TO THE HEAD.



IT'S
SIMILAR TO
HOW I FELT
ABOUT
GUTS.

...TAKE
UP
THAT
SWORD.

IF YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO
PROTECT...



SOMETHING
CHANGED
INSIDE
CASCA
AT THIS
POINT.



THAT'S
A DREAM
FOR YOU.

...HANGING
FROM
THE
SKY...

...A CHANDE-
LIER...

CHING

...THERE

A BAN-
QUET?

SO MANY
PEO-
PLE.

WHITE
PHOENIX
GENERAL
GRIFFITH!

THE
WHITE
PHOENIX
KNIGHTS!

A MOMENT
OF GLORY
WITH HER
COMRADES.

BEWILDERMENT...
SWELLING
JOY.

TRACES
OF
ANXIETY
AND
LONELI-
NESS?

BUT
WHAT'S
THIS
ACHING
RELUCTANCE?

HE
JUST...
COL-
LAPSED...

I
FELT A
JOLT.

CRASH

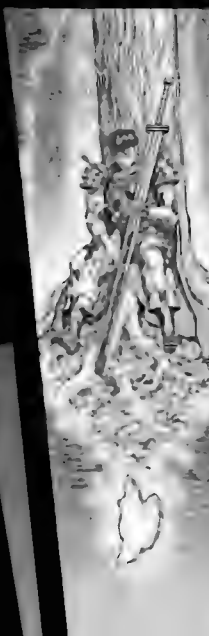
EH
...?!



A
CAVE
...?



FRUSTRATION
AIMED AT
GUTS.... AND
JEALOUSY?



THIS
FEELING
IS...



WHY...?

...A
BROKEN
SWORD.

SNOW?

THOSE
TWO
FIGHT
?!
!

ズキ...
TWINGE

...!

CHINNNNG

GRIF-
FITH...

TAKE
CARE.

GU--

AND
THIS
FEELING
WELLING
UP...

...AS
SHE
STARES
AT HIS
BACK...

I
KNEW
IT.

GUTS
....

HELPLESSLY
UNABLE
TO COME
BETWEEN
THEM...

SORROW
ENOUGH
TO REND
HER HEART
IN TWO.



HAIR
BALLS...

ゴロ
ROLL

ゴロ
ROLL



ワシッ
SWSSS

ワシッ
SWSSS



ROWF

THEY
MUST BE
SOMETHING
CASCA
REJECTS
VISCERALLY.

C...
...CREEPY.



CHOWSH

...LADY
OF THE
DEPTHS!

SHAAAAA



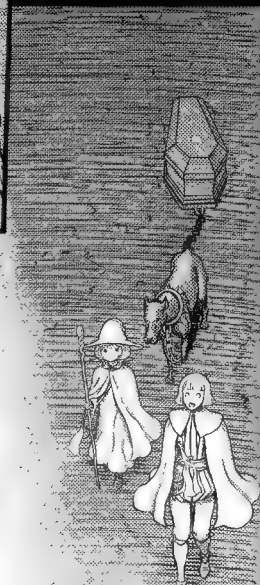
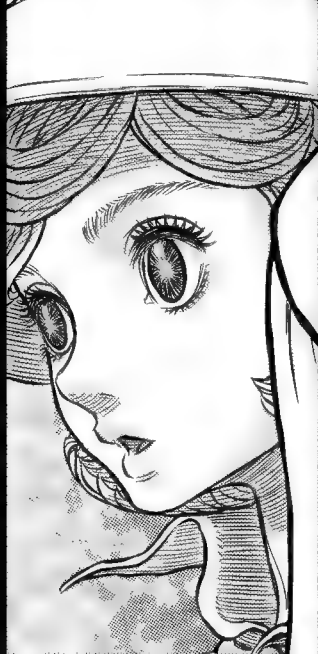
AD-
PEAR...

PLONK

...SWIFT-
LY...

THESE
TWO
ARE...
...FIGHT-
ING
AGAIN.

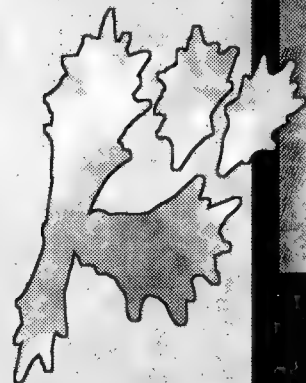
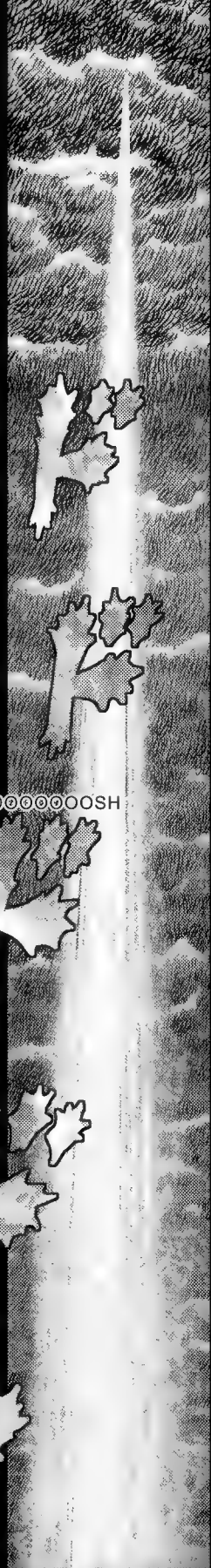
...AH!

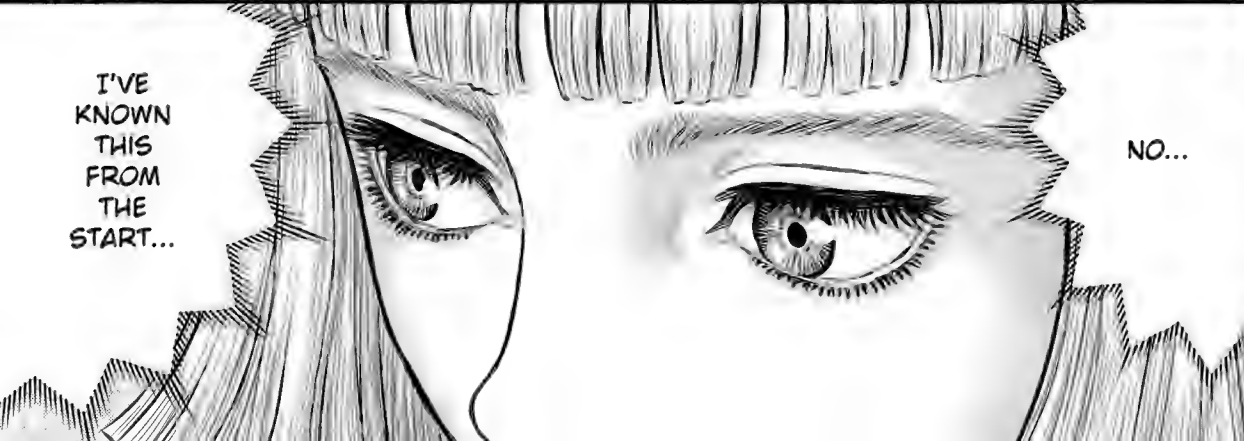


A
WATERFALL
FROM
THE
SKY...

DOOOOOOSH

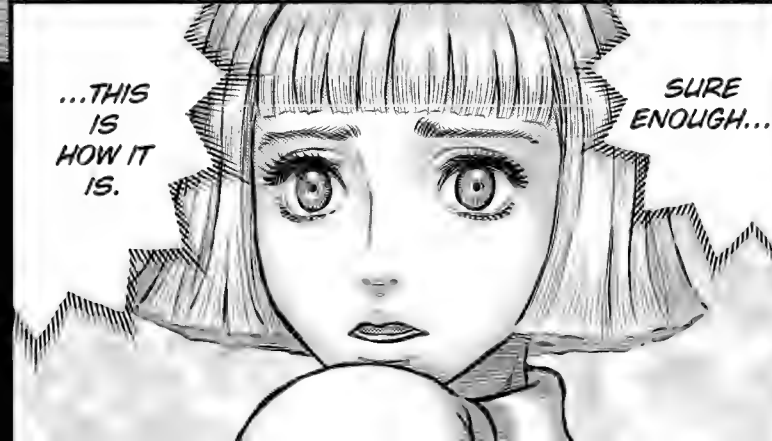
NO
SIGHT
WOULD
SURPRISE
ME,
NOW.





I'VE
KNOWN
THIS
FROM
THE
START...

NO...



...THIS
IS
HOW IT
IS.

SURE
ENOUGH...



MISTRESS,
YOU
MUSTN'T
LOOK!

HUH?

BUT...

...FOR
SCHOLARLY
REFERENCE



WE
STILL HAVE
A LONG
WAY TO
GO.

LET
US
MOVE
ON.



HERS
ALONE...

THESE
THINGS
FILLING
MY
HEART...

...YES.

...ARE
CASCA'S
FEELINGS...

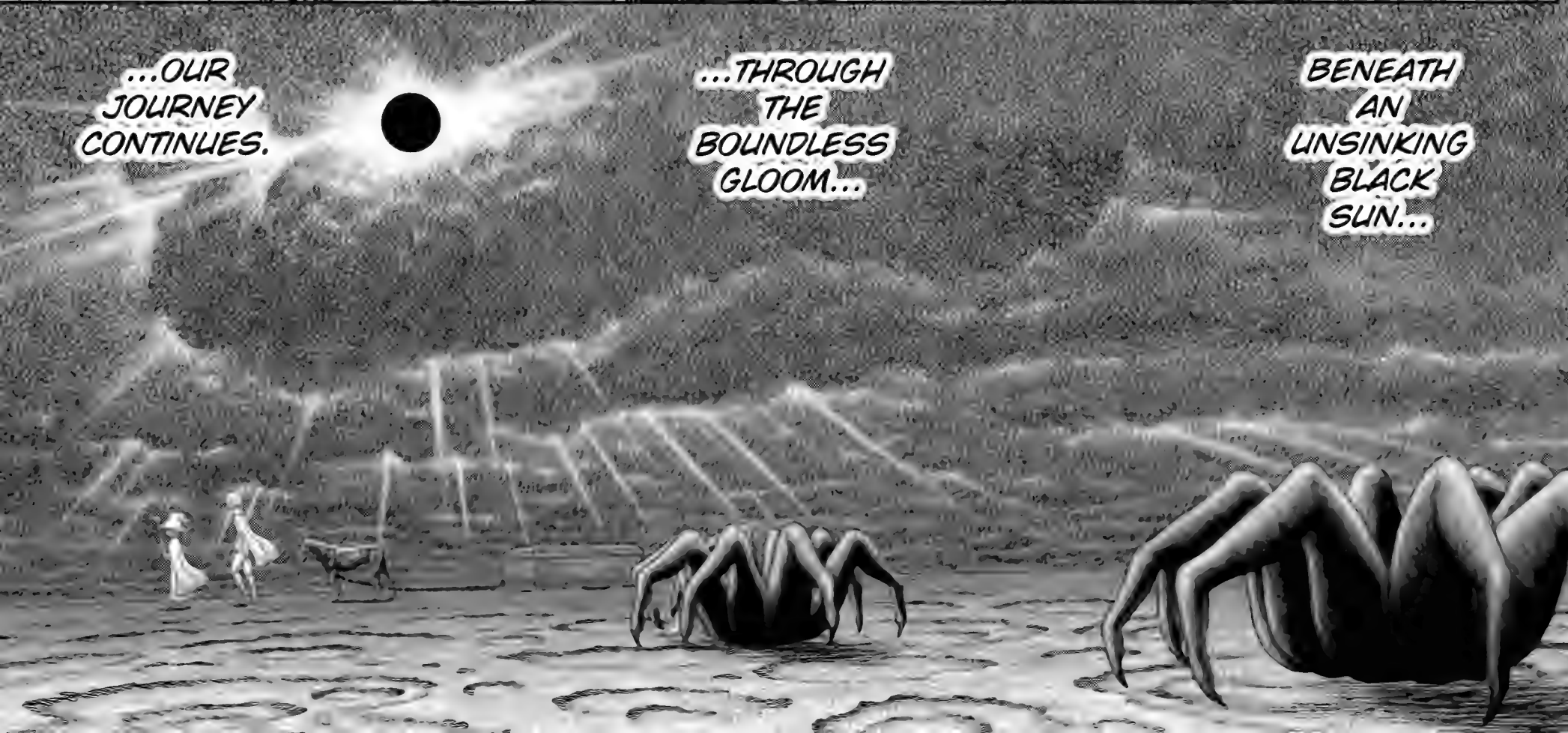
OVER-
FLOWING
FEELINGS.



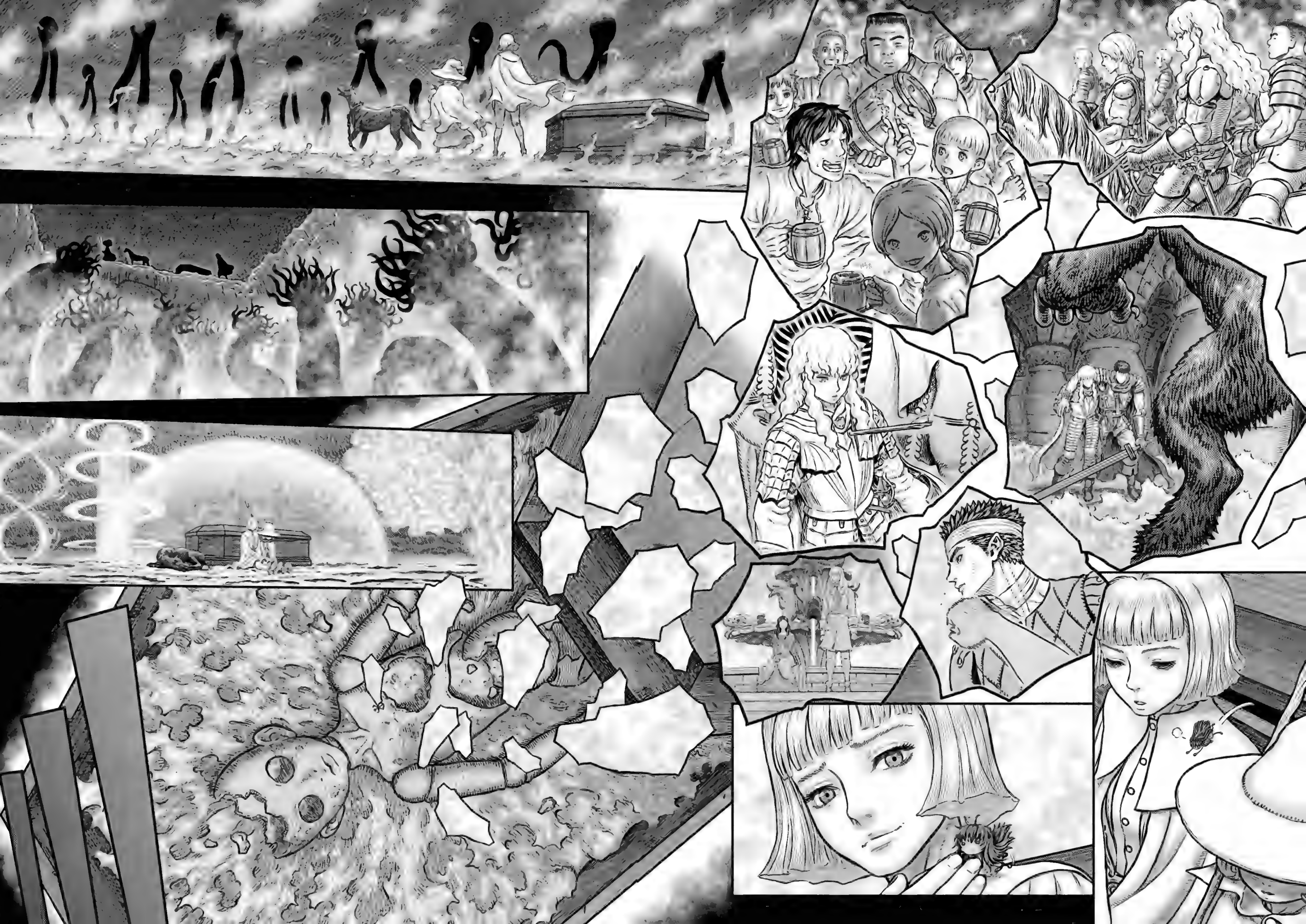
...OUR
JOURNEY
CONTINUES.

...THROUGH
THE
BOUNDLESS
GLOOM...

BENEATH
AN
UNSYNCHING
BLACK
SUN...



AFFECTION...
SORROW.





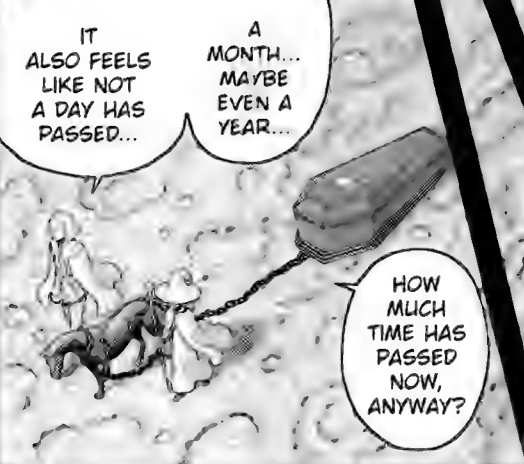
THE
END OF
OUR
JOURNEY
MUST BE
NEAR.

BUT
THE DOLL
IS ONLY
MISSING
A FEW
FRAGMENTS.



THE
PASSAGE OF
TIME IS SORT
OF SURREAL
IN DREAMS.

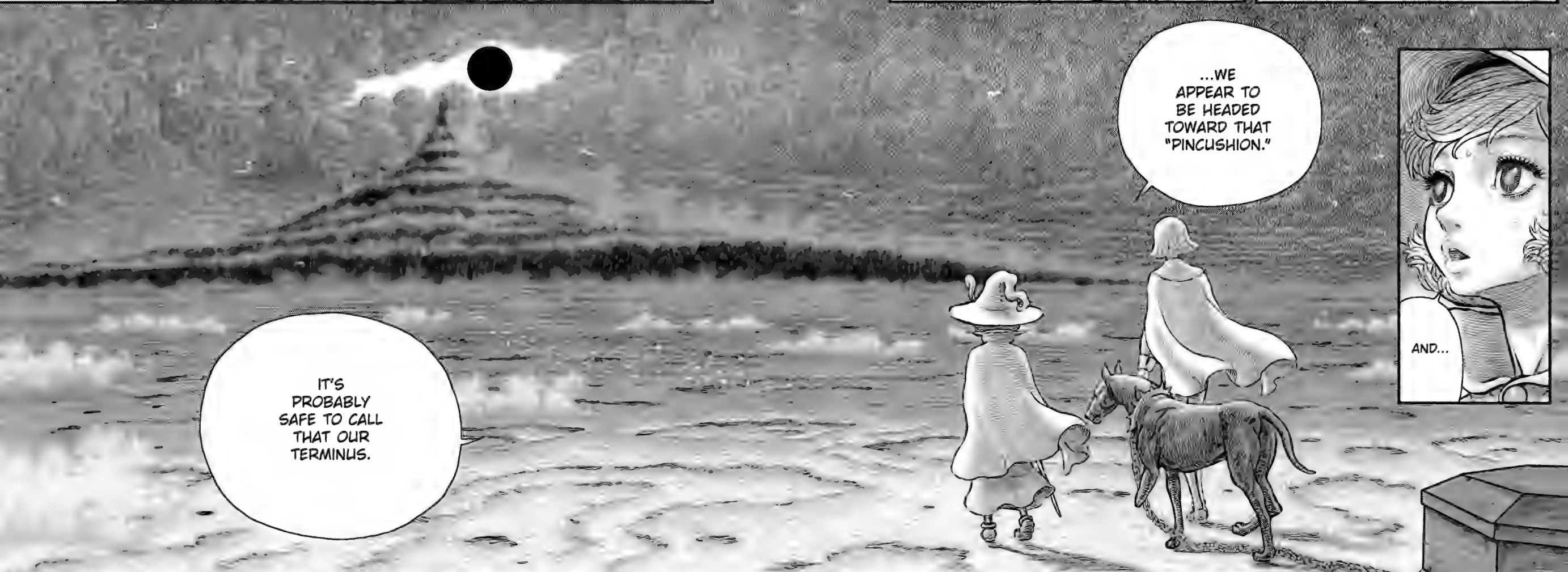
I
CAN'T
TELL.



IT
ALSO FEELS
LIKE NOT
A DAY HAS
PASSED...

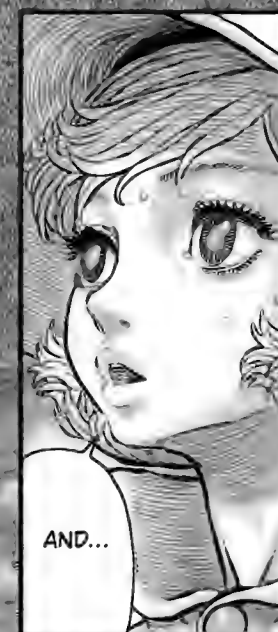
A
MONTH...
MAYBE
EVEN A
YEAR...

HOW
MUCH
TIME HAS
PASSED
NOW,
ANYWAY?

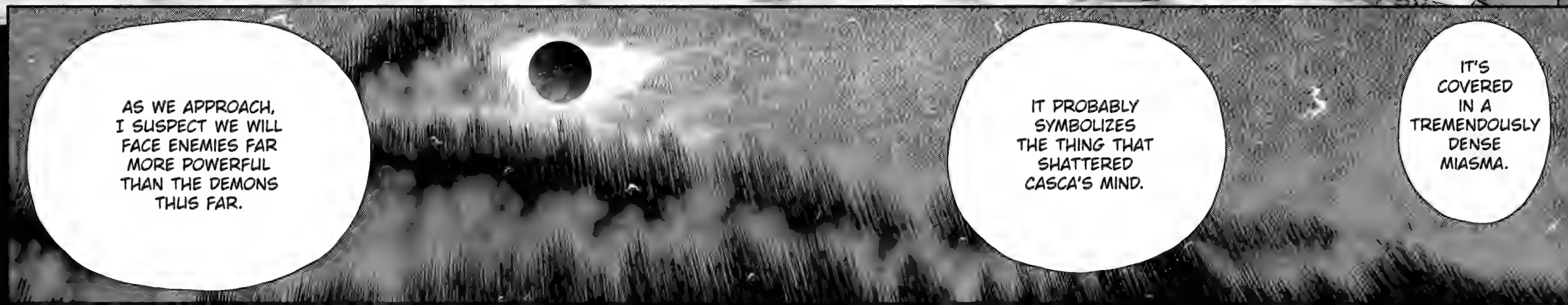


IT'S
PROBABLY
SAFE TO CALL
THAT OUR
TERMINUS.

...WE
APPEAR TO
BE HEADED
TOWARD THAT
"PINCUSHION."



AND...



AS WE APPROACH,
I SUSPECT WE WILL
FACE ENEMIES FAR
MORE POWERFUL
THAN THE DEMONS
THUS FAR.

IT PROBABLY
SYMBOLIZES
THE THING THAT
SHATTERED
CASCA'S MIND.

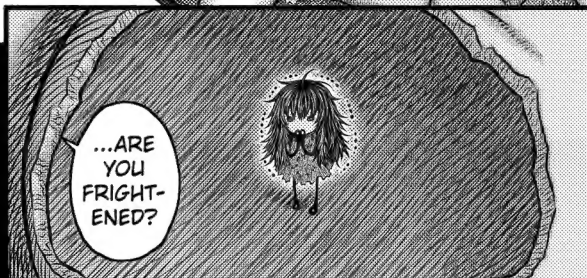
IT'S
COVERED
IN A
TREMENDOUSLY
DENSE
MIASMA.



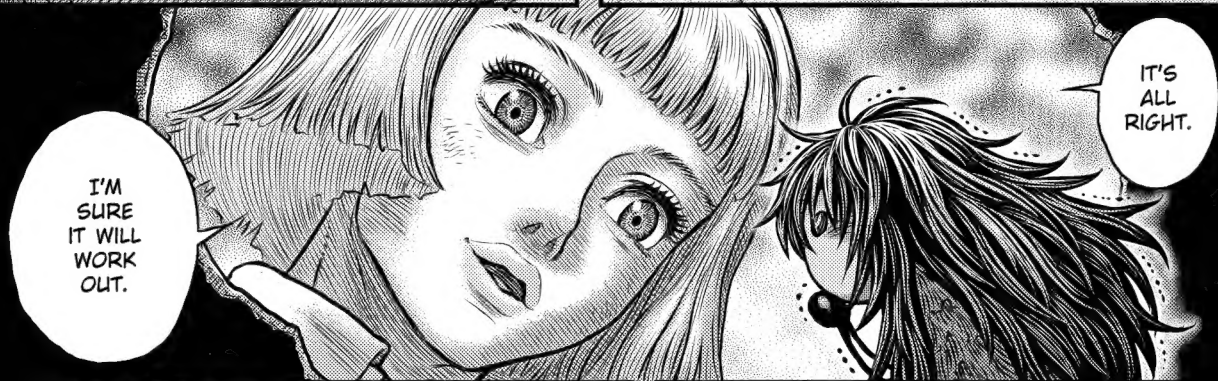
YES.

...AS WE PERSIST.

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP...



...ARE YOU FRIGHTENED?



I'M SURE IT WILL WORK OUT.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.



!

MISTRESS, SHE'S SAYING SOMETHING!



...HUH?

MAYBE IT'S A RESULT OF GATHERING THE FRAGMENTS.

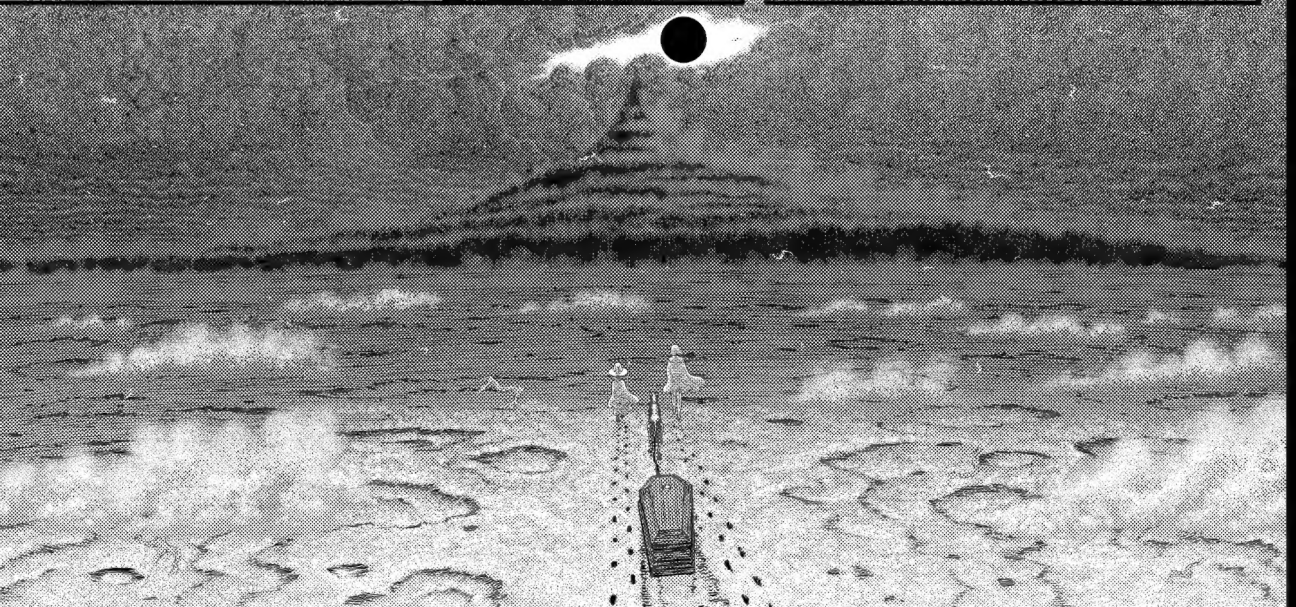
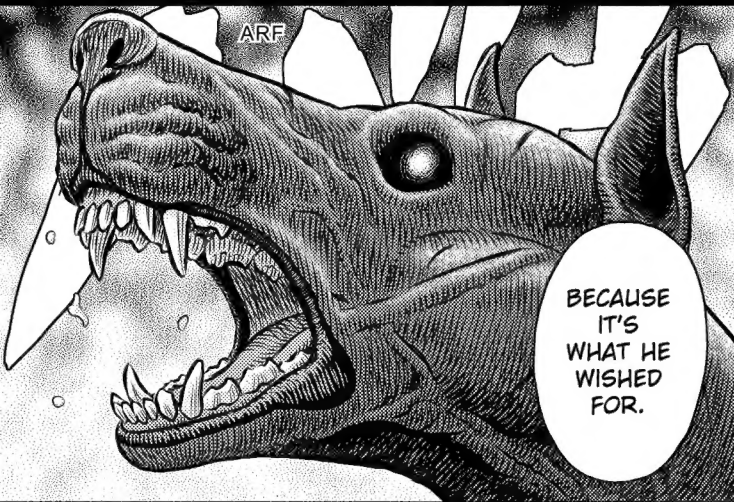
SEE.

...SO, WHAT'S SHE SAYING?

THERE'S SOMEONE...

...I WANT TO SEE.





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